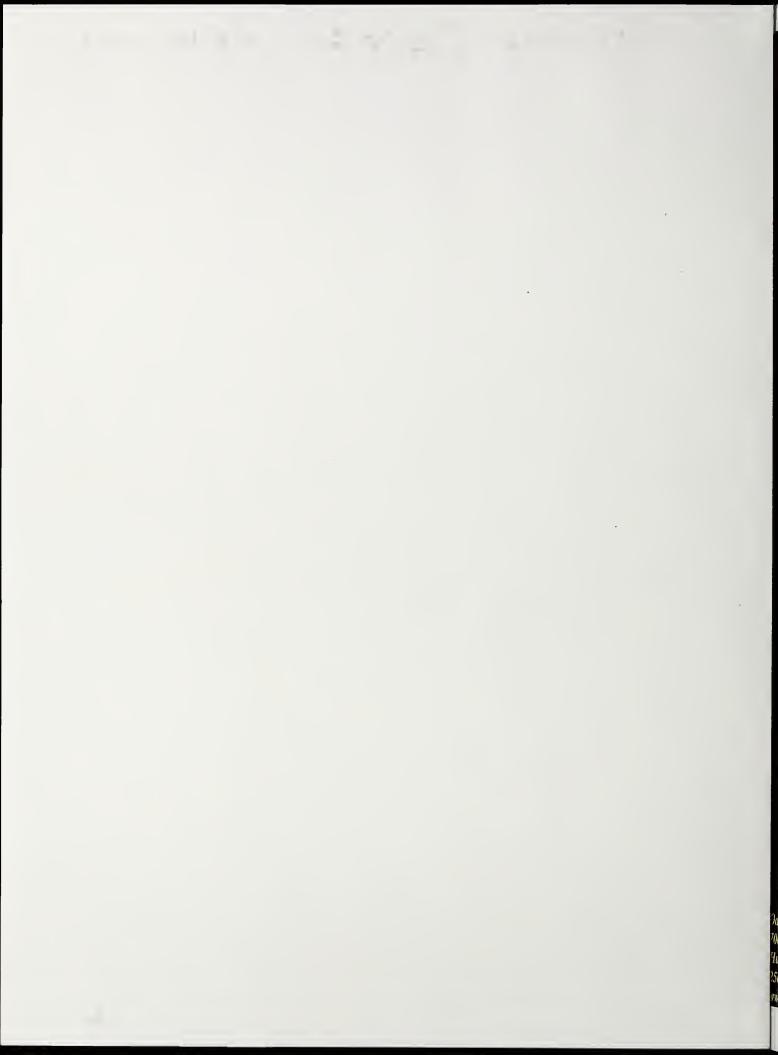


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OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
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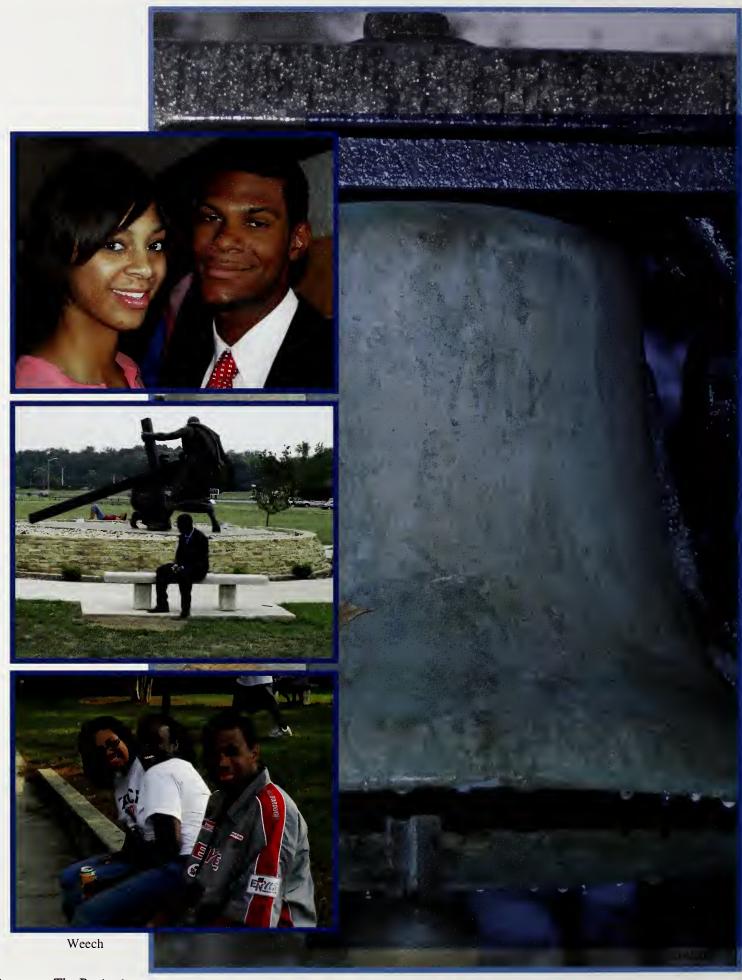


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PREFACE

There's just something about the OC ... Oakwood College.

Some people say they love it, some people say they hate it; people tell you that you have to get the experience, some people may tell you that you don't know what you're getting into . . .

What makes this place tick? Why do the words "Oakwood College" never invoke a neutral reaction?

It's because there's just something about Oakwood College. Graduating from these hallowed grounds inducts you into a fraternity that will never dissolve. Attending, graduating from, and even just visiting Oakwood College are always experiences that you can never forget.

The 2007 Acorn Staff

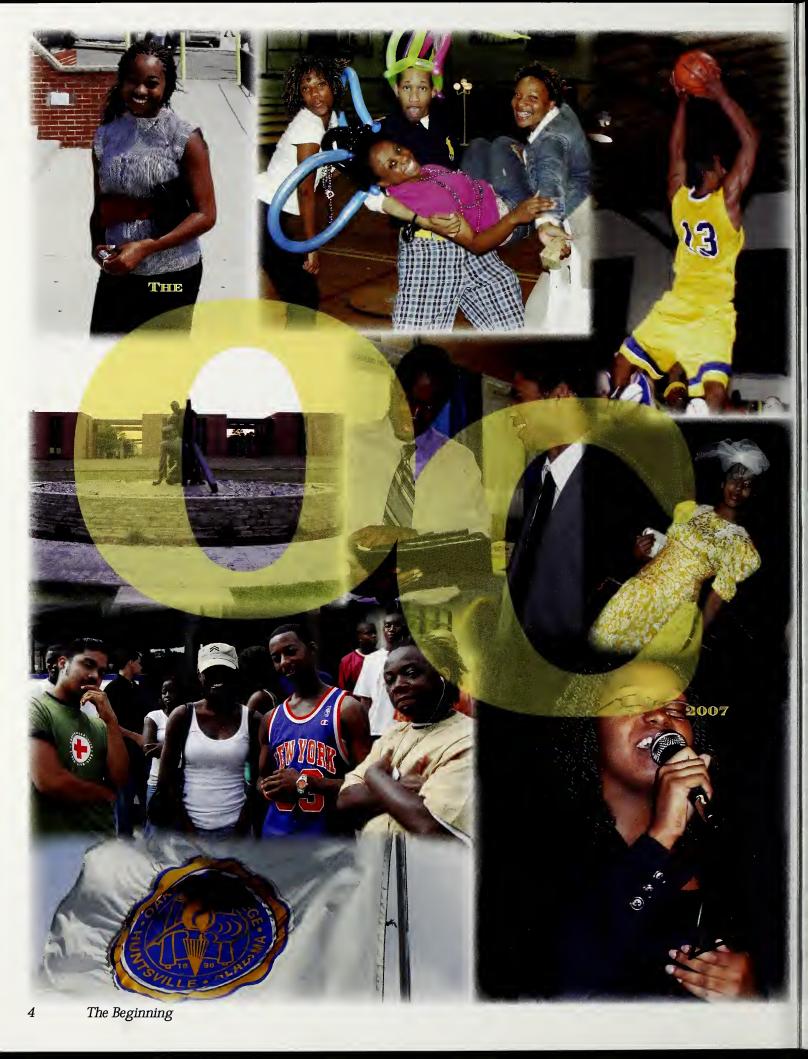
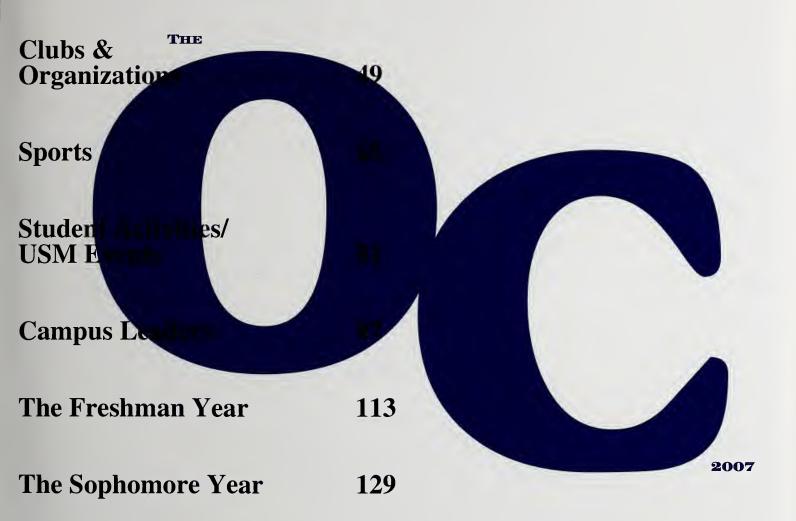


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Samantha Chamarro November 18, 1986 - May 5, 2006



In Loving

Samantha Jean Chamorro's and tragically ended May 5, 2006 These two Oakwood College their sophomore year of college for summer

Samantha, affectionately known as Sam, a political science and history double-major and native of New Orleans, Louisiana, was well known for her Hispanic heritage and her humor. Sade Darlington, a close friend of both Chasity and Samantha says, "Samantha was just Samantha. She was funny, very affectionate, caring and really loved her family."

Troy Bright

Former students who

Each student will be greatly

Memory Of...

Chasity Nicole McNeil's lives in an automobile accident. students who had just ended were preparing to return home vacation.

Chasity, also known as Chazz, a native of San Antonio, Texas, who was pursuing a career in business and information systems, is remembered for her gentle voice, kind demeanor and warm smile. "Chasity was our psychologist--she was always willing to help; she was very giving. They were good girls; they were like our sisters," says Darlington.



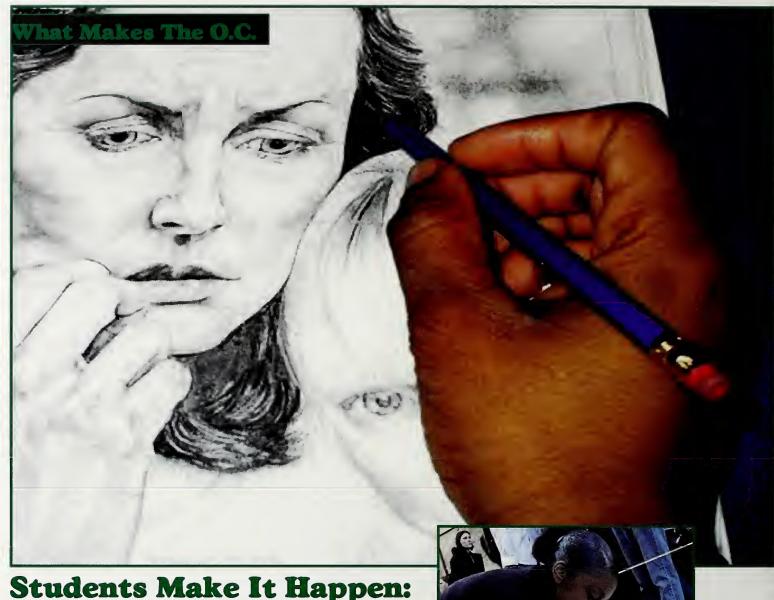
Chastity McNeil April 3, 1986 - May 5, 2006



Hersha King

died summer 2006.

missed and all are dearly loved.



The Visual Arts Council

Ryan Lang

wanted a club that would increase art appreciation on campus as well as provide activities to cultivate the cultural and artistic abilities of students on campus," says Visual Arts Council founder Melissa Charles. Not seeing a club on campus that catered to the needs of artistically gifted students, Melissa took the initiative and created this organization.

he Visual Arts Council gives students at Oakwood College who are already seasoned artists the opportunity to enhance their artistic talents and allows students who are artistic novices to develop their aesthetic abilities. The council specializes not only in drawing and painting, but also in media art and computer-aided design.

Photos compliments of Melissa Charles



our goal is to support the single parents to successfully matriculate through the educational process at Oakwood College," says Dr. David Sedlacek, the social work professor mainly responsible for the New Beginnings program.

The New Beginnings Program is designed to meet the needs of single parents (both fathers and mothers), and their children. New Beginnings

supports children ages 2 weeks to fifteen years by providing computer access, play areas, nap areas, laundry facilities, counseling, support groups, and life-skills workshops. New Beginnings is in the first year of a two year pilot program.

Faculty Initiative:

New Beginnings

Compiled By Rachel Baker





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with an Oakwood College alumnus. As we live as

students here at the OC, let us continue to remember those who have inspired us and raised us to be the men and women that we are today—our families. Weech

Taylor

No two people think alike or have the same ideas, and this difference is good. At the OC we value our diversity. Not just people from different cities, states, and countries, but the different cultures, tastes in music, flairs in dressing, flavors of cooking, preferences in reading, styles of learning, types of teaching, and ways of preaching.

like hearing different accents. I'm glad that everybody doesn't look the same. I can always find someone awake - 12:00 midnight or 5:00 a.m. If everyone thought, walked, and acted the same, this place just wouldn't be the OC. The difference is great, the difference is golden.

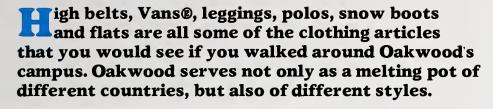
Joy Anderson

Diversity: Difference is Golden





hovers over the campus, providing sustenance no cafeteria can serve and teaching lessons no classroom can teach. Enrolling in the Oakwood Experience is enrolling in an experience with God. Photos compliments of Derrick Sabater



akwood students are known for their sense of fashion. But some may ask where this unique sense of style comes from. The answer is in the

various locations from where people come. From California to New York to Florida, you are sure to find individuals with style.

Singular Style: Unique Fashion Sense Morgan McGhee

What Makes The O.C.

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SOUTHERN FLAVA

Everybody loves the south, because the south loves everybody! There's nowhere else in the world were you can find better hospitality. While scoping the campus I found Southerners who were proud of their states and wanted all of the people who were stilling living in the stone ages to know that the south has some major flava!

While Oakwood is located the south it is not necessarily southern". Jay Robinson from Firmingham, Al says, "This campes is like a big melting pot every former of the United States and the world is represented right here on this campus." Everyone who steps onto this campus participates unconsciously in reating unique diversity here on Oakwood's campus. So what do the Southerners bring to the

campus?

Kassidy Alexander from Jackson, Mississippi says about the South's contributions to the campus, "Because of us people leave here friendly, our hospitality just rubs off on everyone!" Oakwood students are known for their hospitality and for being very friendly. The southerners take credit for this Oakwood tradition. Southern flava' on Oakwood's campus can't be overlooked. "Even the pioneers who founded this institution knew the south was a place were students could grow spiritually and academically without outside distractions from worldly things," says Sasha Mitchell from Alabama. The south is a place were people can enjoy the simple things in life and appreciate them.

"...Our hospitality just rubs off on everyone!"

- Whitney Allen



Midwest



MIDWESTERNERS LOVE THE OC

Why the Midwesterners love the OC:

"Chicago is tively cultivate the leadership skills that I had developed at tively cultivate the leadership home in Chicago . By becoming involved in different organizations around campus such

> ing a President's Ambassador, I have learned social skills and career skills that will help me in

the future."

Carolyn Nwankpa (senior, Chicago, lL) - "Chicago is very fastpaced, and Oakwood is generally slow-paced compared to Chicago. I have encountered many more friendly people here at Oakwood. l can meet someone one day and a few days later, I can talk to them like I have known them my whole life."

Lauren Wright (sophomore, Columbus, OH) - "For one thing, the temperature is never predictable here! But otherwise, I have been able to develop closer friendships as a result of coming to Oakwood College ."

- Ryan Lang

Holly Carrell (sophomore, St. Louis , MO) — "l experience less stress here at Oakwood because I am around so many other Seventh-day Adventists. The atmosphere here is very tight-knit." Louia McDonald (junior, Chicago , lL) - "Being here at Oakwood has allowed me to more effec-

very fastpaced, and tions around campus such as being a class officer and be-Oakwood is generally slowpaced"





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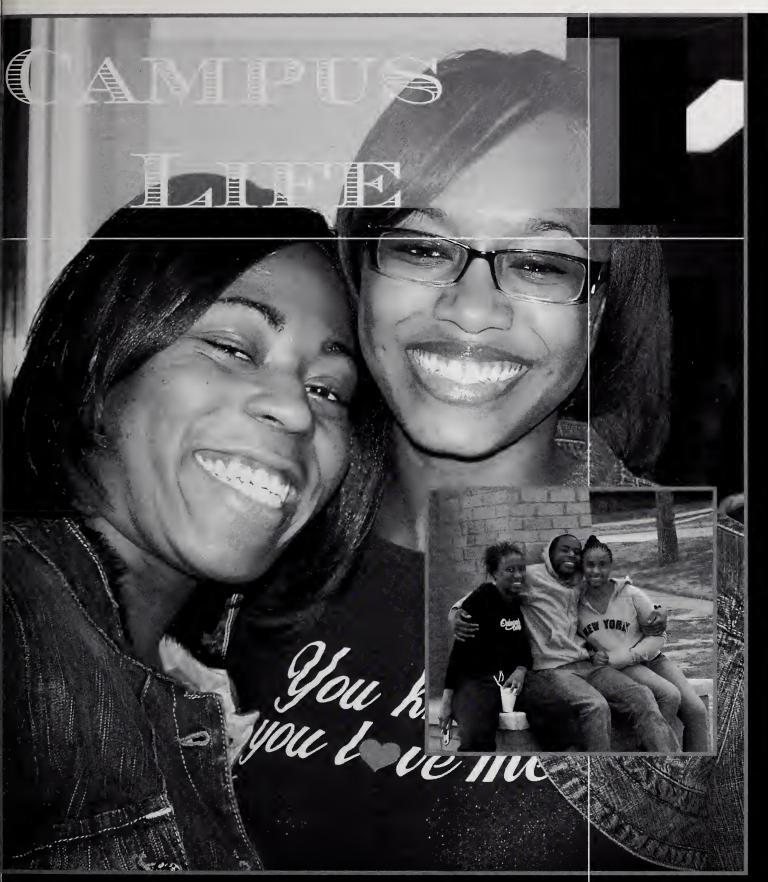
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> FREE YOUR IDEAS. FREE YOU.



Goodman

INSIDE THE OC

Everyone anticipates the first day of school joy, excitement, worry, fear

Everyone wants to see the people treasured friends, new students, noisy suitemates, old nemeses

Everyone has a thousand things to do register, move in, run to Wal*Mart

Everyone gains something confidence, knowledge, "Freshman 15"

Everyone loses something sleep, ID cards, keys, minds

Nobody ever forgets

Life At The OC

Campus Life Inside The OC







Taylor

Taylor

"Today I prayed with a fellow student in the cafe. I saw him, said hello, and then with a slight sense of distress upon his face, he said, 'I need you to pray for me.' Only the God in me responded immediately, asking, 'Why not now?' We then relocated, sat in a booth, and prayed.

"Prayer is part of daily campus life at Oakwood. It is a time when one reverently ceases from hectic day-to-day activities for a brief moment of unselfish supplication to the Father. Here at the OC, we will do that. This is where I can comfortably hold hands with my brother or sister in prayer in the middle of the sidewalk and not be subjected to stares...because they already know what we're doing. We're praying. It's not odd. It is not cliché either. This is prayer at Oakwood--a unique experience every time."

Estudiantes Extranjeros

Colegio Adventista de Sugunto y Universidad Del Plata

No, your class mates haven't gone to another school - they've been studying in Spain and Argentinal

Greetings and words of wisdom from a few of our Estudiantes Extranjeros:

"The most important thing I've learned this year is how to adapt to different places, cultures, and people as well as to appreciate the similarities and differences in others."

-Bianca Andrews

Healthcare Administration & Spanish

Universidad Del Plata





"I've learned how to be patient and how to get along with other people from a different culture, and I miss home a lot!" -Renee' Morris Elementary Education Colegio Adventista de Sugunto

"I've learned so much Spanish being here, I suppose that was my objective. I've learned to tolerate different things that I don't agree with. Oh and my patience has SERIOUSLY developed : J " -Sheridan Allen-Perry Music: Vocal Performance & Spanish Colegio Adventista de Sugunto





"Don't be afraid to try new things. If they don't kill you they will definitely make you stronger, wiser, and more knowledgeable." -Yonnett Victor Social Work & Spanish Colegio Adventista de Sugunto



"Students should travel abroad because they will be able to get an opportunity to learn about another culture and language. This is a good idea for individuals who are adventurous and are looking for more than a typical college experience. Traveling abroad opens the mind to many things. As the author Saint Augustine says it all so well "The world is a book those who do not travel only read one page"."

-Elsie Romilus

Social Work

Colegio Adventista de Sugu**nto**

"The most important thing I learned this year in Spain (besides Spanish), is that no matter where you are; whether you're in a different school, job, or country, things change. The one thing that does remain the same is who you are." -William Smith History & Spanish Colegio Adventista de Sugunto



"I miss American food, being able to drive, having a job!! I
miss church services and my family and friends. But, immersing
oneself in a country abroad is one of the best ways to learn
and perfect a language"
-Janelle Jessup
Elementary Education
Colegio Adventista de Sugunto

"I've learned how to adapt to different ways of life. I've learned that patience IS the key. I've learned to slow down and actually ENJOY life. Oh, and that the Euro is DEFinitely worth more than the dollar."

> -Lauren Morrow English Professional Writing & Spanish Colegio Adventista de Sugunto

An Exercise In Faith-Building

"Registration can be

a way for all of us to

learn that God is inter-

ceding on our behalf."

It is a time when students inquire obaut obtaining student laans, hoving insurance fees removed, changing meal plans, or, sod to say, seeing their advisors

ot the lost minutel It is Registration, and we all know the process well. It is when Oakwood's compus becomes energetic and lively. New students came with great anticipation and returning students arrive with their minds set on graduation.

"Registrotion is o

time for me to interoct with new students os I take their student I.D. pictures. I realize that Registrotian is o time to help new students feel more ot home," Courtney Myrick soys.

The mojority of students visit the Skoting Rink, specifically Student Accounts. All students wont to see a purple stomp on their papers soying "Finoncially Cleared."

Registration plays a major part in the Ookwaad College experience. During Registration, many students develop friend-

ships, goin knowledge, ond grow spirituolly. Rose Hotten stotes, "It's a time when I con reolly watch the Lard wark out my financial situotion in woys that I could not hove done, and that has helped increase my foith." Registration can be a way

for oll af us to learn that God is interceding on aur behalf.

-Rochel Boker



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Freshmen Orientation: A New Beginning

Sitting in seminars, playing games, and meeting new people are just some of the things done during Freshmen Orientation. On August

16, 2006, hundreds of freshmen from across the world entered Oakwood College to begin their college journey.

After finishing the long process of registration, the students were ushered into their residence halls. Freshman Kymberly Byrd said, "I was nervous when I met my roommate, but she was very nice and everything worked out."

For some, the annual parting ceremony was a very emotional experience, but the freshmen and their parents had to face the reality

that they were starting new chapters in their lives.

During Orientation week, the students

were required to attend sessions where they were informed about departments, programs, and activities on campus. On Sunday, the students competed with each other in group physical activities.

By the end of Orientation week, all students were well informed of how things operated on campus.

Although the week was long, it was necessary, and the freshmen class greatly benefited.

-Morgan McGhee





Weech

The beginning of a journey.

Artistic Xpressions

Oakwood Students Showcase Their Talents











Faria

Get Fit - Jump Rope!:

A Health & Wellness Production









Goodman

Back to School Bash

The 2006 Back ta Schaal Bash, held at the Unity Pond, was a tremendaus success. Students fram every class jained tagether ta celebrate the beginning of the new schaal year. The event included several enjayable attractions such as sumo wrestling, three-legged racing, abstacle caurses, and a hast of

athers. Perhaps the best part of all was the free hat dags, chips, and drinks provided for all to enjay. Wherever there is free food, OC students are sure to come.

The Bash was spansared by
the United Student Mavement and the Student Activities
Office, who strive ta ensure that each student has a
camplete callege experience with enriching and enjay-

able educational, spiritual, and social activities.

Here are camments fram students wha attended the Back ta Schaal Bash.

"I really like the fact that Oakwaad has samething interesting far us ta da an a Saturday night like the Back ta Schaal Bash. It was fun and I enjayed myself,

especially [participating in] the abstacle caurse."

– Rebecca Ramilus, freshman

"I socialized with many new people. I was really excited to have this appartunity."

– Sandar Cameau, freshman

-Jashua Champi<mark>a</mark>n





Faria

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Oakwood has something

interesting for us to do on a

Saturday night...."



Fiesta!

SM Activities ore olwoys interesting, and the Fiesto ot Ford Holl was no exception. The Fiesto was a Mexiconthemed event filled with loughter, music, colorful decorations, bright lights, and most importantly, food Chips, solso, and guaco-

Fue muy

divertido!

mole ore olwoys fovorites omong OC students. After woshing that down with Kool-Aid, students worked off the late night colories with some solso doncing (no one was doncing

in poirs of course -- this is still the OCl, but students did show off their best imitation of the Solso *baile*. The USM officers looked *auténtico* in their sombreros and some were even conversing in Esponol with los estudiantes. The event brought a new mix to USM activities. Juniors and Seniors, who had declored these events "for underclossmen and off-compus students only", and ore normally throwing GREY'S ANATOMY porties, come

in search of free food ond entretenimiento (try pronouncing that). Fue muy divertido ond not o night to miss!

- Liso Holl

Boile-Dance
Auténtico-Authentic
Los estudiontes-The students
Entretenimiento-Entertainment
Fue muy divertido-It wos very fun





Taylor

The OC:

Excellence in Education

2006 - 2007 Highlights in just a few of the many dynamic departments on *The OC* campus!

Biology

Four Oakwood College seniors won awards for research presented at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Anaheim, California, in November 2006.

Lauren Pedersen-Buck was recognized for her research on potential new targets for future HIV protease inhibitors.

Shammah Williams was recognized for his research on a novel compound with the potential for treating metabolic syndrome X, a condition characterized by obesity, insulin resistance, impaired glucose tolerance and hypertension.

Norris Hollie was recognized for his research on how opioid receptors may undergo modification in the progression of heart failure.

Michael Knight was recognized for his research on KLF11, a transcription factor that acts as a tumor suppressor for pancreatic cancer.







Cleveland

Communications

Communications' students attended several events this year including:

The Howard University Job Fair - a continuing effort to increase minority representation in the field of communications.

Among recruiters were graduate schools, major television and radio stations, newspapers, and magazines.

Society of Adventist Communicators - an annual convention that gave students the opportunity to learn trade secrets from experts in print and broadcast media and interact freely with prominent Adventist communicators.

Alabama Press Association Job Fair - an opportunity for student journalists to interview with daily and weeklies as well as receive valuable professional advice.

Music

Music majors, aspiring vocalists, scored on opportunity to talk with opera diva Angela Brown. They learned from her the ups and downs of her career experience; and received encouragement and advice from the former Oakwood College Music graduate.

In addition, Brown and the Aeolians, under the direction of Norman Crarey, performed in concert at Trinity United Methodist Church as part of the Celebrity Series of the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild.



Cleveland



Academics

Tips on Achieving Academic Success

Compiled by Temidayo Ogunrino

Brittany Law - senior

"Start strong and keep God first. If the friends you have do not have the same primary goals as you, then you need to find friends who do. And remember to have a little fun!"

Dr. Patricia Dyett – Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
"Be diligent in your schoolwork. Attend all classes and make use of your textbooks. Study in groups with your classmates, if it is beneficial.

Finally, have a "teachable" attitude."

Dr. Albert Osei - Department of Mathematics & Computer Science
"Do not wait until the last minute to do your work. You must work hard and
take your schoolwork seriously. Prepare well for tests and do not cram-Lastly, always try to follow up with your professors."

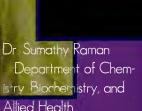
Dr Craig Hiller — Department of Biological Sciences
"Be professional, be responsible and be mature. Manage your time wisely and have fun when appropriate. Above all things, keep Jesus first and everything will fall into its right place."

Dr. Dionne Felix — Department of English and Foreign Languages
"Set goals, whether short-term or long-term, in all that you do, Find available resources to help
you with your schoolwork and make use of them. Be a good listener and be disciplined."





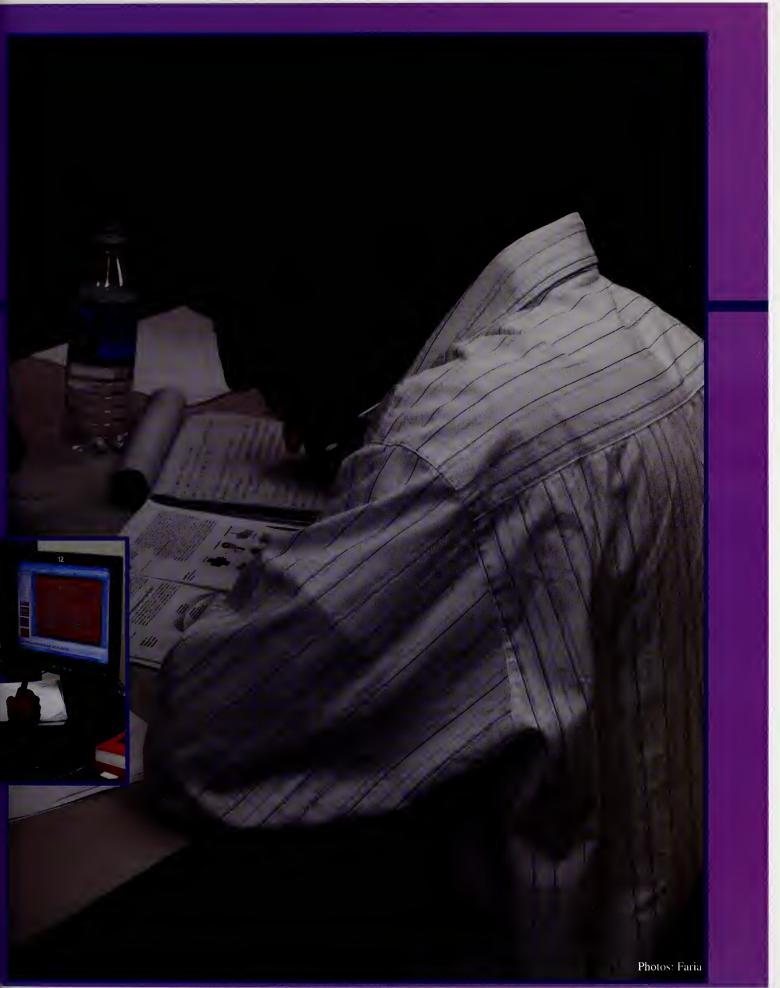




"Become one
with the subject
Do not rely on memorization. Do well in all that
you find to do."

Loren Walwyn-Tross - junior

"Go to bed early in the evening and wake up early in the morning to study. Review notes no later than 5-7 hours after class has ended. Study in groups when appropriate and remember to study your Bible."



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A CALIFORNIA PERSPECTIVE

Though most Californians have grown used to the lack of palm trees, beaches, and celebrities in Huntsville, we have all come to accept the low key southern community for what it does offer: a rural college atmosphere and a chance to grow spiritually with other young Adventists. We recognize that lemporary changes in lifestyle, i.e.: Los Angeles to Huntsville, are sometimes necessary for personal growth.

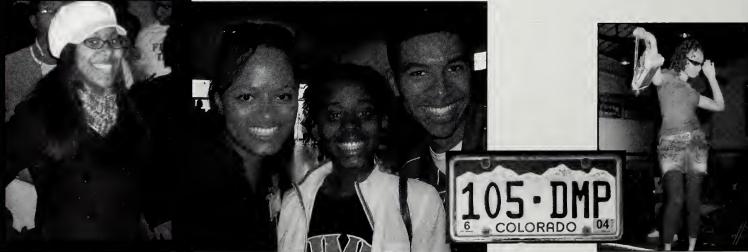
One native of the West Coast compared

her experience at both UCLA and Oakwood, and found that though UCLA is a prestigious school in a big city, its huge student body population creates an overly competitive atmosphere. Apparently, her one semester in the west at UCLA was enough to bring her cheerfully back to the southern hospitality offered at Oakwood.

- Cortnee Blayton

"...temporary changes in lifestyle are sometimes necessary"

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SPIRITUAL Doggette

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HOLDING IT ALL TOGETHER If Oakwood is a quilt, then prayer is the thread that holds the O.C. together. Firmly constructed on Christian principles, administration, faculty, staff, and students have put God first in all things. As a result, the institution still stands on the same principles over 100 years later.

Spiritual Life at the O.C. is more than a section of the yearbook or division of student services. Spiritual Life is LIFE here. It is more than mandatory religion classes, dorm worships, and prayer before class starts.

God is woven into the fabric here;

He is the fabric here!

Without our Spiritual aspect, there would be no niche for Oakwood.

No reason for just another HBCU.

Spiritual Life makes the O.C.

Spiritual Life Holding It All Together





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Doggette

Doggette

Oakwood College's spiritual life has a special hold on my life. It wasn't until I came to Oakwood my freshman year that I even had a spiritual life. It was as though God was searching for me even though I wasn't looking for him. Growing up as a Christian, I always thought that I was missing something, and by attending AY, attending church, participating in Prayer Meeting, and serving others through outreach, at Oakwood my spiritual life soared! I just want to thank God for not giving up on me and giving me the opportunity to become a part of Oakwood's spiritual life.

-Tamara Anderson

God is my everything. He is the only one who understands me when no one else does. God is also my best friend, because I can talk to Him all through the day about how I am feeling. Without Him, I would be nothing.



Nikka Sorrells

My source of strength from beginning to end.



Kayus Dare

What Does God

Judeth Fortune



After weeks and weeks of prayer, when that prayer is finally answered, not only does God answer your prayer, but He adds on to the blessing something that He saw fit to give you even before you asked for it.

Ja'Neil Carrington



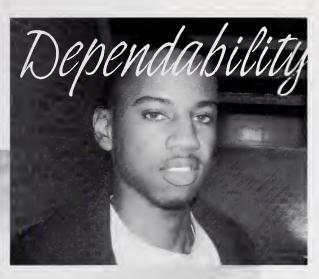
God means everything to me. He is the source of all my needs. He is my friend. Without Him, I have no chance at a healthy and happy Spirit-filled life.

My strength and my friend. He's always there when I need Him and He has given me everything I need.

My source of strength in which my whole life depends on. Jesus Christ is who I am dependent on always.



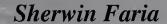
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Jessica Hudson

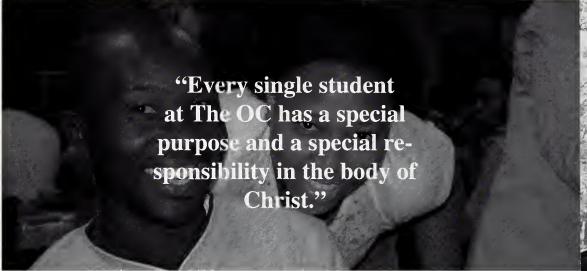




God is my all and everything. He is the only thing that makes sense.



God is my rock, my fortress, my friend. He has done so much for me, I just can't describe it all. I can't wait to see Him and thank Him for everything He has done. What an awesome God we serve!



Undoubtedly, one of the noticeable aspects of Oakwood College is the convergence of several talents that form a unique spiritual and social atmosphere not duplicated anywhere else. Whether listening to the blended voices of a performing group during a Friday night AY service or to a student as he/she delivers the spoken Word from the pulpit during a weekly chapel service, it is evident that The OC is a very special place. But the talents of our students are not limited to singing and preaching (although these are areas where our students shine). In fact, God has imbued each of us with spiritual gifts to be used for His glorification.

Not often do we acknowledge the many students who use the spiritual gift of teaching while serving as Sabbath School teachers. Other students use their gifts of wisdom in sharing tips on how to succeed to benefit underclassmen. Several students on campus use their gifts to counsel fellow classmates in difficult subjects or even with personal issues.

First Corinthians 12:27 says, "Now you [that's us, Oakwood!] are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (New International Version with special emphasis). Every single student at *The OC* has a special purpose and a special responsibility in the body of Christ. So, remember to use your God-given spiritual gifts because "the body" is not complete without your unique contribution.

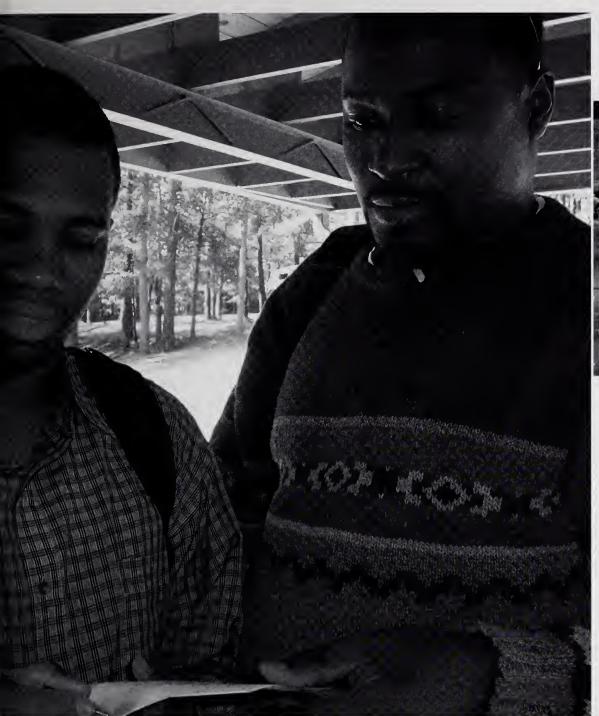
-Ryan D. Lang

Spiritual Gifts





"Perception is a gift with which I feel I have been blessed. I have the ability to connect with others on a more personal level, and this is demonstrated in my relationships." - Monique-Renee Pinnock, Sophomore from Toronto, ON, Canada





"The body is not complete without your unique contribution."



'I have been given the gifts of administration and teaching. These are very important in my duties as AY leader and Sabbath School teacher" - Reginald Exum, Senior from Baltimore, MD



"The most important spiritual gift that I have is the gift of prayer. I can't reach everyone through my words to them, but I can reach them through prayer." - Martina McGhee, Junior from San Antonio, TX



"My spiritual gift is the gift of helps. I use my gift by assisting the staff of my dormitory with small tasks, and I am a deacon at my home church." - Takudzwa Mkorombindo, Freshman from Loma Linda, CA

Goodman and Weech













At around 8:00 on most Friday nights, the campus is quietly sleeping. That is unless you are in the church (or unfortunately the Ashby Auditorium). AY at Oakwood College is a dynamic and Spirit-filled end for a long week and an energetic welcome to the Sabbath.

Week after week we are blessed with God's word, inspirational songs, lively praise and worship sessions, powerful testimonies, collegial

prayer, and Christian fellowship.

Friday night AY is the highlight of many a stressed-out student's week. The chance to not only hear other people's prayers and praises, but the opportunity to lift up your own is an experience not to be traded for anything.

-J. Anderson



Weech

holding itall together

holding itall together,

It's 7:30 p.m. on a Wednesday night and something inside you is telling you that you need a break. You go to prayer meeting and realize that the songs, testimonies, and the sermon was God's way of speaking to you that night.

As students we are stressed with the demands of our professors, roommates, and classes that just seem pointless to our majors. For many of us, it is a blessing to be able to come to prayer meeting and "recharge our batteries" so that we can end the week strong. Prayermeeting has given many the encouragement that they needed to deal with life's everyday struggles. Jenifer Brockington says, "Prayer meeting encourages me, despite my circumstances, to reach for the vision. It is a stop we need to make before the Sabbath in order to keep our goals in focus.

It is also a way to get closer to God through prayer and fellowship with other students. Elmany Saint-Fleur likes how Pastor Newborn has involved the Oakwood College students. "It makes prayer meeting more enriching when I see my own classmates just as excited about going to heaven as I am," Saint-Fleur said.



Weech













Taylor and Weech

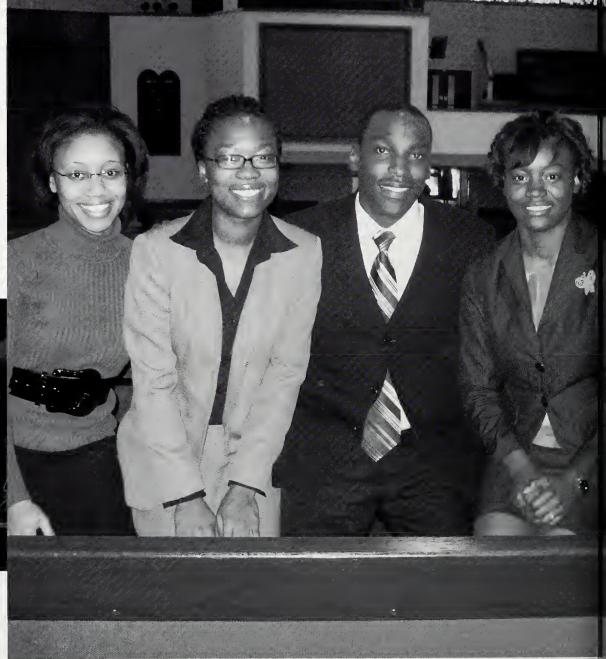
"I enjoy attending all of the churches in the area, but I've been going to the Oakwood College Church for so long that it just feels like home. Besides, [going to] Oakwood is good on GAS!" - Nathanael Baker, Biology

"I really appreciate how Madison Mission allows you to worship freely. The Spirit is truly felt in this place every Sabbath." - Regine Valcin, Marketing "I like First Church because the style of worship is different every Sabbath, which allows someone to gain a blessing every time they worship there." - Michael Vance, Communications

"The Huntsville area has a wide variety of churches to atttend."









"I love the warm and friendly atmosphere that New Life has allowed me to feel. This church has given me the strength and motivation that I need to develop a closer realtionship with Christ." - Sharon Saint-Fleur, Business





w orship in different places

It's Saturday morning around 8:30 a.m. at Peterson Hall and you have just come out of the shower to realize that your inconsiderate roommate is looking through your clothes to find his Sabbath outfit! You kindly tell him that he can wear whatever he would like except the brown and cream shirt that he has meticulously picked out for himself! The morning proceeds and the roommates sit and try to decide what church they should attend. Across campus at Wade Hall, there is a rush to find the curling iron, the shoes, the purse, and the belt. You hear excitement and the preparation for church is felt in each room. When the church attire is just right, the perfume or cologne is sprayed, and the Bible is taken in hand, the students of Oakwood College go to their desired church for a day of fellowship, praise, and prayer.

The Huntsville area has a wide variety of churches to attend. Some students prefer a large church family such as Oakwood College Church, First Church, and Madison Mission, while other churches such as New Life and Mount Calvary appeal to students who desire a close-knit family environment. From contemporary worship styles to conservative, the Huntsville area is the place for empowering sermons, energizing music, and enlightening services. Students feel the presence of the Lord wherever they go, and a need to be closer to Him. And whatever church you visit on Sabbaths, remember that it's not only about what blessing you can recieve, but it's also about how you can be a blessing!

-Rachel Baker

"Students feel the presence of the Lord wherever they go, and a need to be closer to Him.

Every shade of brown Comes in every shape and size The diverse people



Dimples and cheekbones
No two faces have the same
The many people

Question: What is it That holds it all together The Oakwood people?



Willacy

The answer for you:
A gentle but steady knock
Feel God's presence here

I'm sorry Father I haven't decided yet The day I repented was the same day me and the other guy re-met Our relationship is better than yours and mine So until I make a decision, You can sleep on the floor So the devil's in my bed and God you're on the ground I laid you on a blanket I got from the lost and found I'm at the halfway point between You and him I'm in the dark with a little light That's dim I'm still in the middle right? On no whim let me get to the point where I'm no longer in the middle but I choose a place or station where I'm either the answer or the riddle not the fiddle, but a guitar very close or very far with me or against me learned or proclivity tell me which one I seek neither nor I'm not sleep but I snore I'm awake but I'm bored Which state do I thrive?

I'm presently in a coma I can't smell, I see the aroma Not bad eyes, a bad nose, nasal glaucoma I'm messed up cuz I can't figure which way to go Laodicea, I'm disgusting for You to behold Be cold, you'd rather that than a semi-Christian Deaconess Sabbath morning, Saturday night leg division Vegetarian, but I'm still in the Dead Sea fishing Aeolian, Soprano, I sing Hip-Hop, listen Not to mention I'm better cuz I don't go to clubs in Huntsville I'm a Christian here at Oakwood, I am the ideal But I'm better, cuz I drive 3 hours to ATL Go to Buckhead clubs, guess what I'm still going to hell because I'm warm with a prefix luke on the top I follow Jesus and Satan I'm a robber and a cop Training Day, train the day, train the ways of my past

Am I dead or am I alive?

So either I sit there quietly or I outburst and laugh
Chuckle at the fact that I'm still in Junior High
not higher education or elementary, no truth or a lie
It's ironic how I'm not vegetables or Grade A beef
I'm just 100% gluttonized, Morning Star veggie meat
and I'm sorry Father
I haven't decided yet
That which you hate, I am
Those whom you loathe, I am
That revolting substance which you will spew, I am

Repel me, I am
Decree me to hell: That, I am.

You'd rather me be like I AM or be like I AIN'T

Than pretend to love you both, simultaneous imp and saint
I'm committing adultery as I speak
Wife to You, mistress to him
I watch my conscience leak
The Holy Spirit is exiting through my pores
Gradually, until He tallies the final score

Gradually, until He tallies the final score God You've tried, You even went overtime but like the bond between crook and cop,

And I rely on my organized mind
To organize and divide my time
Between the hells and the Holy Shrine
So like a week ago I had palms praising Hosanna
Praying like a zealot, eating of the spiritual manna

Next week cock crows triple time

And I scream like an umpire, Crucify!

Gamble Your garments, but there's no harm meant
Father, You know I got a thing for fashion.
Winner! I want the seamless smock,
Sinner! Saliva in Your face with a mock,
Every time I perform iniquity
Me, I'm that left thorn impaling Your cranial cavity
But then I'm crying at the sight of My Lord & Savior
Next, I'm auctioning Your life at a meager wager
Even so, Speaking of me, You say,"I'll still save her"
What more can I do but write a disclaimer
At the end of the redemption contract

And it reads:

"Despite the outpouring of temporary infatuation with you God resulting by said appeal by one of your select servants that rose up emotionality within my heart, even so I am subject from this moment forward to be more loyal to my lover with whom I am presently betrothed - Satan himself. Do not be offended."

Save me, O God, from myself.

So, I'm sleeping with the enemy, while You, my Creator, Father, and God is lying on the floor

I have two masters. Am I some kind of whore?

I'm dating two beings, but one of them I must love more.

Can't I have a committed relationship with two different people? I can't serve both, can I?

Yeah, I want the best of both worlds.

I'm just that kind of girl - lukewarm.

CLUBSAND ORGANIZATIONS



Carter

GETTING INVOLVED

Class work, group projects, term papers, exams, volunteer hours, down time - how do students have time to get involved?

They make time. The OC is rich with clubs and organizations to suite everyone's taste - professional fraternities, departmental clubs, leisure clubs, outreach organizations, choirs, - there's something for everybody!

The hard work and creativity that go into campus clubs and organizations goes a long way in making the O.C. the unique place it has grown to be.

Clubs and Organizations GETTING INVOLVED







Goodman

Stand Ministries has given me the opportunity to reach out to the community. I have been able to be a positive influence to the young men at the detention center. God has revealed a lot to me, and I have grown spiritually as a result.

-Sheilese Combs

Aeolians



Alpha Chi



Art & Soul



Bruce Bean Singers



CJ Embry Junior - Theology



Art & Soul

What's the most interesting thing Art & Soul has done this year?

The Luvapalooza show was amazing! This semester we've really paid attention to detail as far as backdrops go. Now you can appreciate the visual art as well as the poetry.

Why should poets join Art & Soul?

For the freedom of expression. Everyone goes through different trials and tribulations. Whatever you feel, you can let it out through poetry. Instead of being criticized, your expressions are appreciated.

Communications Club

Why did you join the Communications Club?

It gives me an opportunity to practice the things I learn in class and I get to meet different people in my department.



Carlos Ray Junior - Communications

Not Pictured

Family & Consumer Sciences
Fashion & Art Council
Literary Guild
NSBE
Student Dietetic Association
Student's President Council

Communications Club



Dynamic Praise



Ecology Club



Faithful & True Ministry



French Club



GAME



Fitness & Wellness



In-Reach Ministries



Eian Jackson Junior - Fitness & Wellness



Fitness & Wellness

Why did you join the Fitness and Wellness Club?

I joined because I'm concerned about other people's health and I want people to be healthy.

Why should students join the Fitness and Wellness Club?

Because you are uplifting God by telling people to take care of their "temples." Man's first duty to God is to have a healthy body.

Ladies of Excellence

What's the most interesting thing Ladies of Excellence has done this year?

The Breast Cancer Awareness booth in Blake Center. It was fun to interact with students and pass out valuable information about breast cancer - a prevalent issue among African-American women. We gave out over 700 ribbons representing the breast cancer fight.

Why did you join Ladies of Excellence?

A l joined LOE for the sisterhood and community service projects.



Alexandrea Frye
Junior - Human Development &
Family Studies

Knights of Oakwood



Ladies of Excellence



La Voz



LETC



M'kono Nia



Master Guide Club



Mathematics & Computer Sci.



Men of Distinction



Joel Bohannon Junior - Theology



Literary Guild

What's the most interesting thing Literary Guild has done this year?

Right now we're working on a quote book for incoming Freshmen to help them be better prepared for college. Once we finish gathering wisdom from upper-classmen, we plan to publish it.

Why did you join Literary Guild?

A I joined Literary Guild because I wanted an opportunity to write and be published.

OC Dental Club

Why should students join the OC Dental Club?

OC Dental Club exposes students to the field of dentistry as an alternate option to graduate or medical school.

How has the OC Dental Club helped you?

It's helped me learn about different summer programs and the club brings different dental schools in to talk to students about their dentistry programs.



Stevie Reynolds Senior - Biology

NAPS



OBMA



OC Dental Club



OC Camerata



Phi Alpha Delta



Pre-Alumni Association



Pre-Law Society



Progressive Black Caucus



Tiffany Silvera Junior - Finance



Pre-Law Society

Why is Pre-Law Society important to you?

It's important to me because it's the only career-oriented club on campus that has given me both direction and a vision.

Why should students join Pre-Law Society?

A If students are debating whether or not to become lawyers, they should join.

Phi Beta Lambda

Why do you enjoy Phi Beta Lambda?

A Phi Beta Lambda is a great club that gives business majors an opportunity to network.

Of Phi Beta Lambda's activities this year, which did you enjoy most?

A l enjoyed the fundraising - selling donuts!



Kim Anderson Senior - Management

Phi Beta Lambda



Religion and Theology Forum



SIFE



Spreading Oak



The OC

Social Work Club



Stand Ministries



USM Senate



Visual Arts Council



Clubs & Organizations

Jessica Eliacin Junior - Marketing



SIFE

Why should students join SIFE?

It offers opportunities to get business experience that you won't get in your classes! Plus - it looks great on you résumé!

hat's the most important thing SIFE has done this year?

I can't choose! We did a "First Impressions" presentation to students about interviews and business essentials. The next week many students came back from a business fair with prospective jobs and interviews. Also, we haven't gone to competition yet, but that's really important!

USM Senate

What's interesting about being a member of the USM Senate?

I have a chance to speak about students' concerns and voice their opinions to the administration.

Why did you join USM Senate?

I was displeased with living conditions in the dorm and I said to myself, "Something has to change", so I joined Senate.



Sam Nwosu Junior - Biology

Voices of Triumph



USM Senate Rises to New Heights During 2006-07

"Unity is Key" was the theme for the 2006-2007 United Student Movement Senate, and unity was truly shown in every project of the Senate. The Senate, led by USM Executive Vice President Joshua Nelson and including members from each of the representative districts or residence halls on campus, worked together to introduce several new programs and initiatives during this school year. Senators worked collectively on larger issues but still took time to commit to personal Senate projects.

The Senate became active from the very start of the school year by continually asking students to share their concerns about anything on campus. Some concerns were minor and required only a few steps to address, but other concerns required the energies of all Senators. One of these issues included the lack of preparation time for students to pack their belongings and receive adequate rest before leaving at the end of the fall and spring semesters.

Many students told the Senate how busy they were at the end of the semester and how they wished for more time to relax after the final examination week was over and before they left for their homes. Through communication with various administrative officers, the Senate was able to let College administrators know of the student's desire for an extended period of preparation time after final exam week. And one day in February, the students heard the answer to their request: President Baker announced that, with special allowance from deans, students would be able to stay in their dorms later at the end of the semester.

Because of the dedication and persistence of the USM Senate, we the students of Oakwood College, were able to see several changes in our dorms, to see improvements in the services of the various departments on campus, and to receive additional funds for several of our campus clubs and organizations. The Senate set the bar high at **the OC** for this school year, and hopefully, this level of excellence can be carried on into next school year.

A FRIEND: SOMEONE YOU CAN COUNT ON!





The OC



so it's a different circumstance
than past romances
it's more like poetry
the way He loves me
in and out of contexts
in and out of my experiences
around and around my
stubbornness
when I get writer's block
He makes a way for me to carry
on a living.

Though I fuss and fight with him
He loves me especially
when I do what I want
not what He asks
He loves me especially
when I'm looking for
enlightenment
down a dark path
He loves me especially
when I don't understand
when I need love so I search for
it in man

He loves me especially
when I try and fail
He loves me especially
When I rant and rave
Do what I want
rewriting my destiny on
an entirely different page. . .
but He never erases my name

from the roll

I've never been in love like this before

sometimes I don't know how to

but He loves me
especially
He loves me especially
especially
especially
unexpectedly
different
agape
I don't even know the meaning
of the way He loves me
it's more than
He came to die

Goodman

its more than
He loved me before I
was born

for me

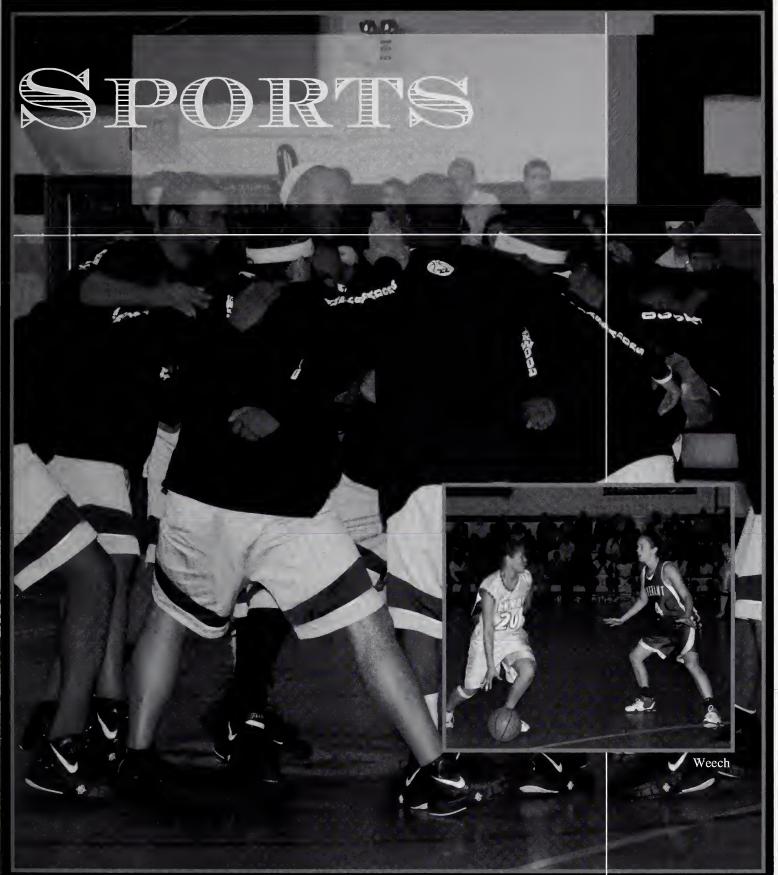
see none of that matters to me because He loves me especially as I am NOW.

see I am

not what He dreamed outside of what He imagined but still inside his love scholars and ministers try to study and explain but

it's futile because you couldn't understand the way

He loves me especially indefinitely different He loves me especially different.



Faria

A WAY OF LIFE

Few are able to fully grasp the true impact that sports can have on a player. At the O.C. it is more than just a game or something you do when you are bored, for that brief moment, it is your life.

That perfect tackle, shot, spike, hit, kick, or drive is what you have worked on for years; anyone who can't appreciate how serious it is to you is just getting in the way.

(Sports- a way of life.)

Sports A Way Of Life





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Weech

Overall our team went 4-13 and yes there were many ups for the team, but we also had many downs. All we can do is look forward to next season and keep cheering and supporting our team. If I must say so myself we have the greatest fans in Alabama!! Different people have different feelings and opinions about this season; my personal opinion is that we can and will do better next season. So until next year AMBASSADORS!!!!! WE WILL GET OUR HUMP BACK!! LETS GOOO!!!! OC IS GOT THAT HUMP DE DUMP DUMP DUMP!! OH OH OH OHHHHHHHHHH-HHHHHH OC IS GOT THAT HUMP DE DUMP DUMP DUMP!!!!!

- Solomon Matheka

2006 - 2007 Ambassadors

#30 - Eric Adams

#15 - Landon Bertrom

#23 - Terrell Black

#11 - Rupert Bushner

#33 - Michael Conner

4 - Derrick Long

14 - Shae Crockett

#13 - James Doggette

#32 - Andrew Ford

24 - Blain Gentry

40 - Nathan Hamilton

10 - Dewitt Henley, Jr.

#22 - Kareem Telesford

Head Coach - Tony Oliver



What was the highlight of the season?

"Beating Rust 81-80" - Oliver

"Beating Martin Methodist"

- Adams

"Scoring 14 points and 10 rebounds" - Long

"Playing with the new guys"
- Black

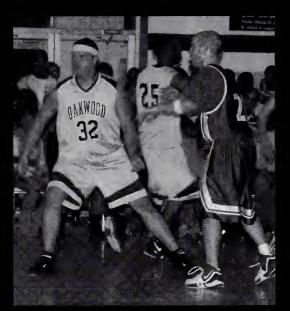
How do you want the team to improve next season?



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"Improve on defense and boxing out" - Crockett

"Win more games!" - Ford



"Three point shooting" - Telesford

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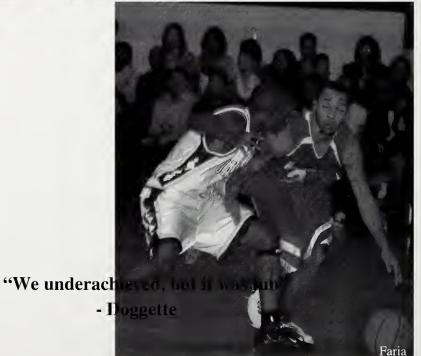
The Ambassadors-Men's Basketball



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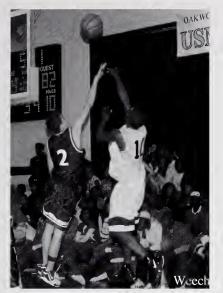


The Season in your own words:

"A learning experience" - Gentry

"Just looking forward to next year" - Bertrom





Highlights from the season's basketball games include the talented James Doggette flying above and beyond his opponents to slam the ball down into the net. It also includes the Bushner brothers robbing their opponents of loosely handled balls, and Terrell Black, DJ Henley, Michael Conner, and Eric Adams scoring some clean three point shots. There was even some action off of the court with over-anxious fans gaining attention for "different" demonstrations of team spirit. Overall, the games were packed with energy and love for our Ambassadors.

Winning home games were not just defeats for the team, but triumphs for Oakwood's supportive students. We felt for the players when they were hurt and we were more than willing to join the altercations on the court.

The Ambassadors brought school spirit back into the campus during the blistery winter months. And, for their hard work, we applaud them and we look forward to their return next semester.

-Cortnee Blayton



"Learning experience" - Conner

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2006 - 2007 Lady Ambassadors



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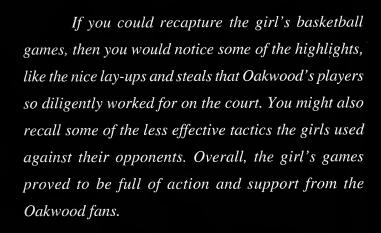
In Action!



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The Lady Ambassadors have much to look forward to in the upcoming school year - more than half of the squad should be returning equaling more seasoned and experienced players. The defeats of this past school year will equal championships in the 2007-2008 school year.

-Cortnee Blayton



Weech

It's A Fan Thing!!!

Shivering outside Ashby Auditorium with no gloves or scarf...

Realizing with dread that you have forgotten your student ID . . .

Running back to your dorm to find it, worried that when you get back the gym will have "reached full capacity"...

Finally being admitted and calling your friends to see if they have saved you a seat in the now packed gym...

Screaming with delight (or moaning with despair) during the last ten seconds . . .

The priceless journey of an **OC** fan.











Wait a minute . . . there were cheerleaders!



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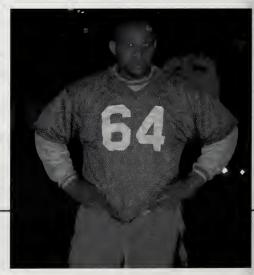
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Good job girls for getting the pom-poms rolling! We're looking forward to bigger and better things next year!









Photos: Matheka

Sports

Football row, Caliente'

For the second year in a row, Caliente' went undefeated - beating two teams in one night! They played Mean Gurls at 6 p.m. and then advanced to the final against Rude Gurls at 8 p.m. The championship is the most important game of the season, but this was really important for Marcia Jackson; she had played for Caliente' the year before as the starting running back, but had joined forces with Rude Gurls for the 2006 year. So she was out to prove that Caliente' would miss her.





Caliente' came out running the ball, and scored a touchdown strike from Bowens to Abria. It was a beautiful play. It was a defensive game, both teams stopping each others' offense. Rude Gurls never really got it going; this was truly not the same Rude Gurls that really gave Caliente' a serious challenge a few weeks before (the final score of that game was 8-6). In the final seconds of the game, Caliente's Abria kicked a field goal to seal the game and give Caliente' their back-to-back title. | Caliente' was led by coaches Chris McNish and Robert Johnson. Rude Gurls was led by Javon Times and Charles Rock. Caliente' is the two-time women's champions of O.C. If they win a third, will they be classified as a dynasty?

The guys game came down to Faculty & Staff and Dynasty II. Old school versus New School. It was mostly a defensive game At halftime it was a zero score shortly into the second half. Faculty & Staff scored first with a touchdown strike to Mike Brady in double coverage. Finally Dynasty scored, but failed to make the two point conversion so the score was 8-6.

To all the teams for next season - STEP UP YOUR GAME!!! We shall see who takes the title from the seasoned vets. Also another thing to remember: don't let the referee determine the game for you. Go out and play hard and just do what you need, to do to win.

Congratulations to all the teams that played and a special congratulations to FACULTY & STAFF - your 2006 Football **Intramural Champs!!**

-Solomon Matheka

Intramural Basketball



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Doggette

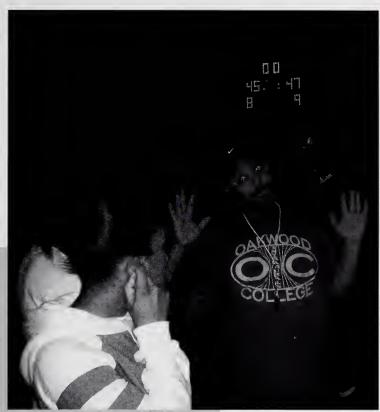


Matheka



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HOME PERIOD

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Doggette

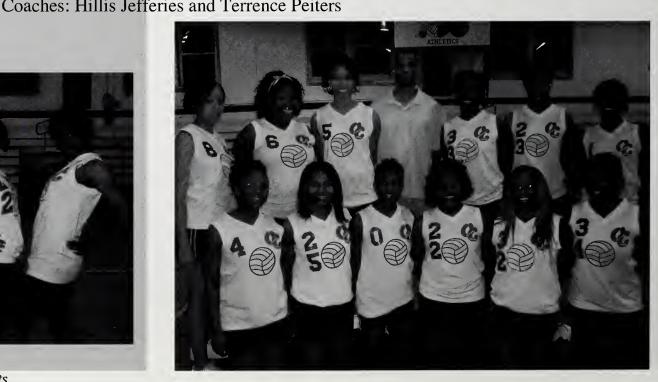
2006-2007 Volleyball

An Oakwood Revival!

2006 Volleyball Team Roster

#	Name	Classification	Position	Home State
0	Melanie Tyson	Freshman	Setter/hitter	Illinois
3	Cherie Miller	Junior	Bumper	Missouri
4	Jessica Fowler	Freshman	Setter/ hitter	New York
5	Stacey McLea	Freshman	Power Hitter	Illinois
6	Crystalia Grando	Freshman	Middle Hitter	California
7	Adanna James	Junior	Hitter	Florida
8	Soraya Jean-Pierre	Freshman	Bumper	New York
12	Chelsea Burrows	Sophomore	Hitter	Maryland
22	Martina McGhee	Junior	Setter	Texas
23	Elsie Tucker	Junior	Hitter	Illinois
25	Morgan McGhee	Freshman	Bumper	Alabama
26	Bethanie Simmons	Senior	Hitter	Texas
28	Delaverne	Junior	Hitter	Trinidad
32	Devin Jefferies	Junior	Setter	Texas
33	Kristena Massiah	Junior	Hitter	Texas
34	Jasmine Dickerson	Freshman	Hitter	California
Casabas, Ililia Infloring and Tamanas Daitans				



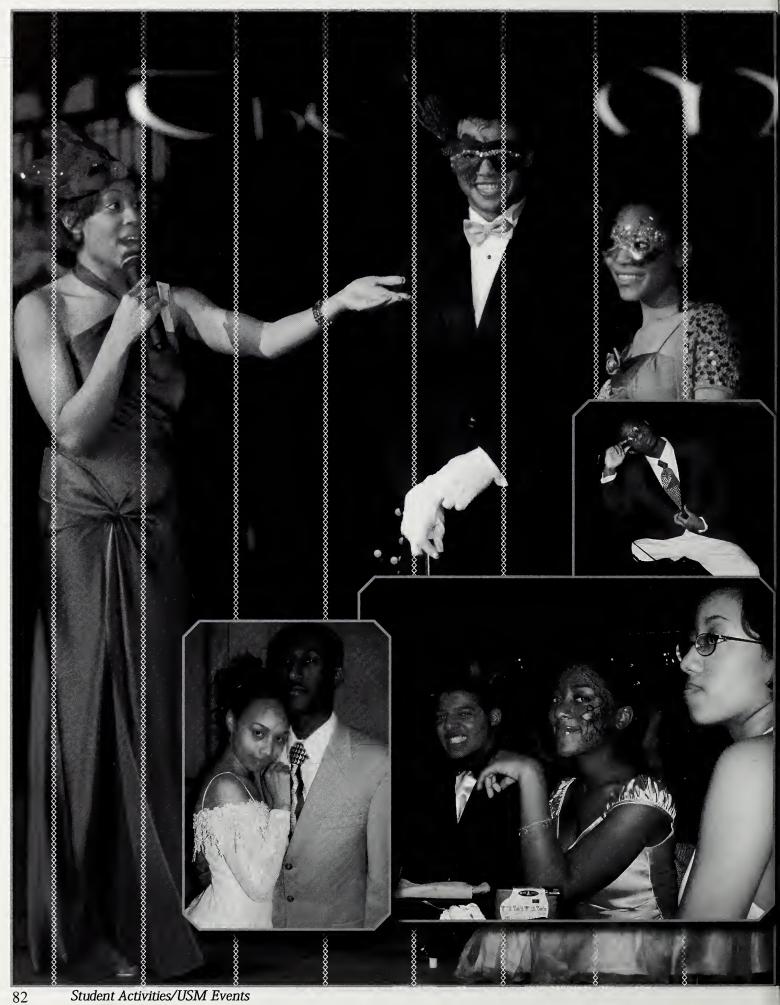


STUDENT ACTIVITIES

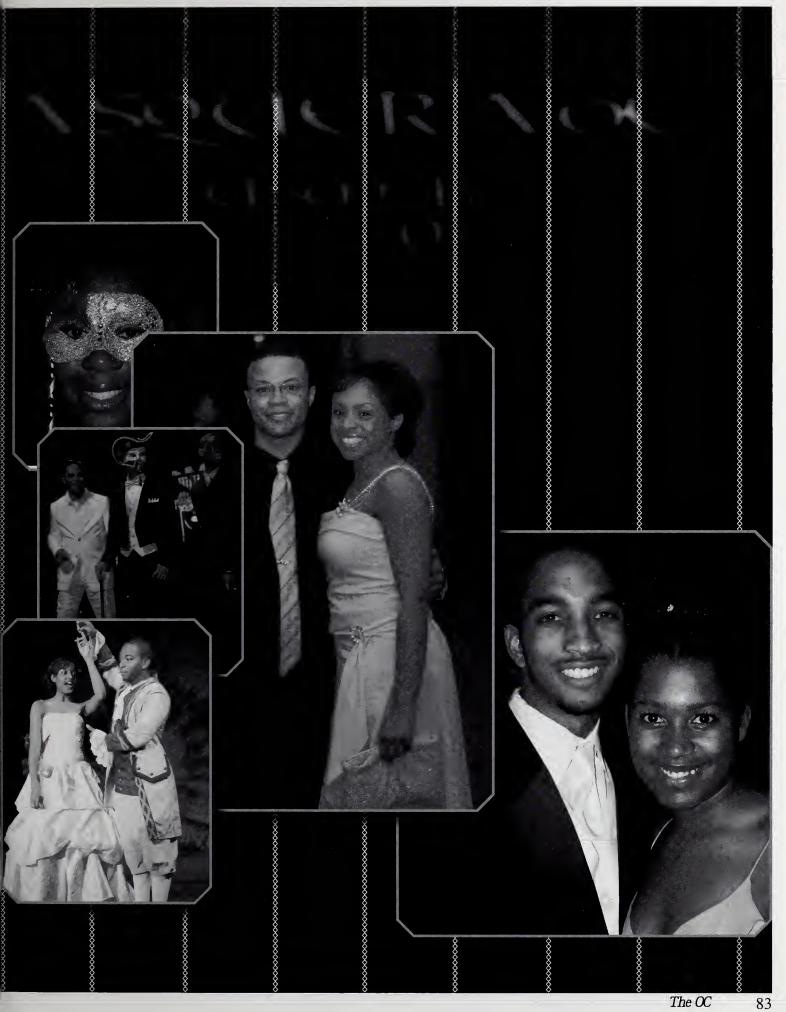


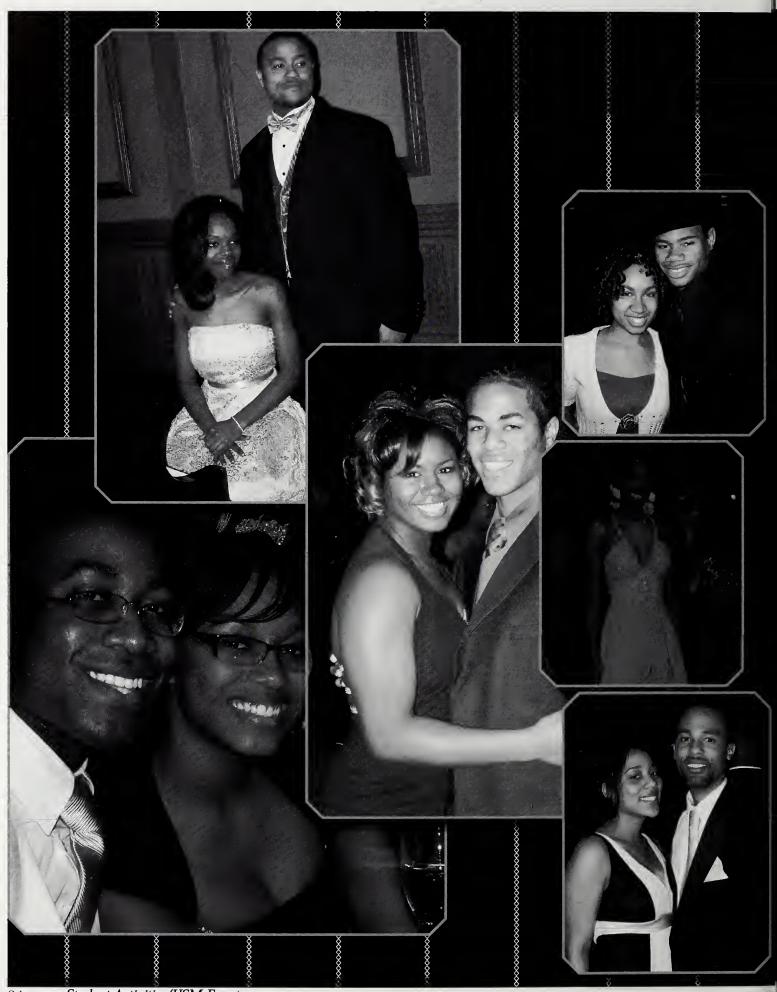
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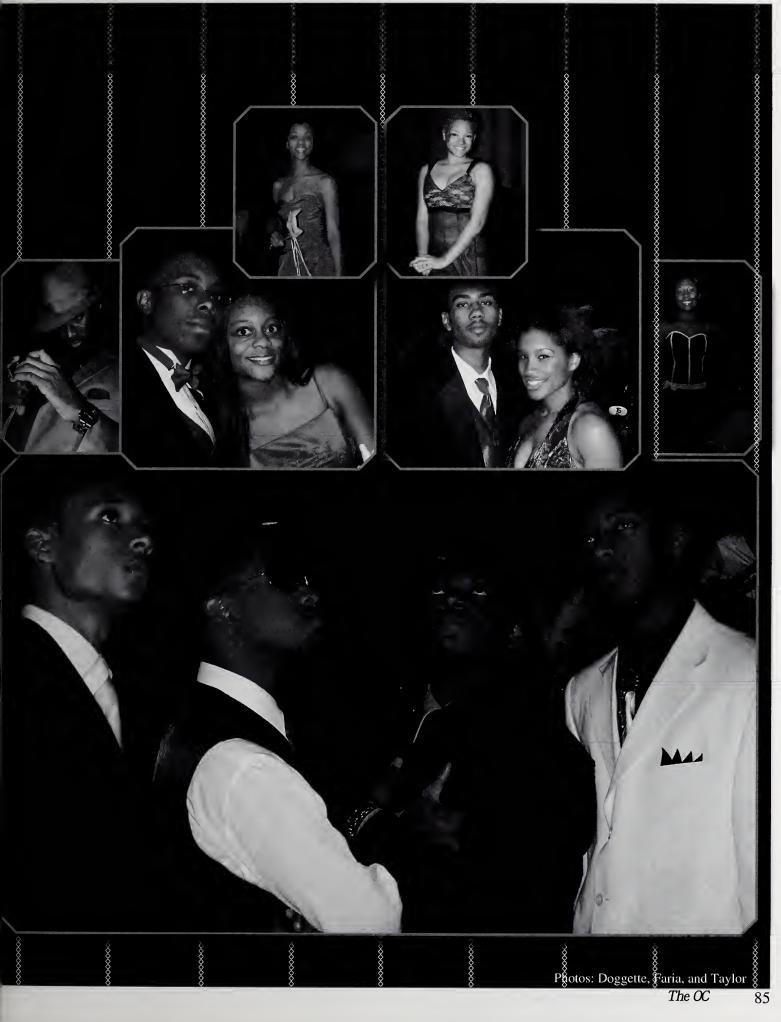
USM EVENTS



Student Activities/USM Events







What is Black.

Cleveland











Student Activities/USM Events



The 2007 Miss United Negro College Fund Coronation showcased five beautiful and sophisticated young women.

The evening's presentations, poetry,

songs, and expressions reminded us of the importance of the UNCF's motto:

"A Mind Is A Terrible Thing to Waste."
Thank you Oakwood College 2007 Miss UNCF
contestants for showing us that

Black is Beautiful



Alexis Karyn Christian, a sophomore elementary education major from Orlando, Florida, ran for Miss UNCF because she wanted to "make a difference, specifically in the lives of young Black students." Alexis wants to provide the children of her future classroom, especially the young girls, an African-American role model whom they can emulate.

The United Negro College Fund means very much to Alexis because, without it, some African-American students would not be able to further their education.



Whitnei Kristen Johnson, a junior elementary education major from Chicago, Illinois, ran for Miss UNCF because she wants to "make a difference by helping other minority students" and to "make [their] dreams of a college education come true."

The United Negro College Fund holds a special place in Whitnei's heart because it helps students who have lost all hope to realize their dreams of higher education.

Lavonna Delicia Connell, a sophomore psychology and Spanish double major from Houston, Texas, ran for Miss UNCF because she knew she could "make a small contribution to someone else's education" and that it would be a "rewarding and satisfying" experience. When Lavonna becomes a psychologist, she wants to give children and their families hope for the future and give young minds the self-esteem and assurance they need to live better lives.

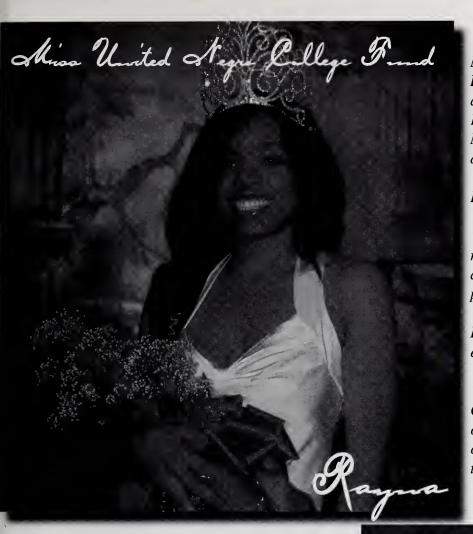
The United Negro College Fund is important to Lavonna because "a mind is a terrible thing to waste."



Nkeiruka Umez, a junior biology education major from Abia State, Nigeria, ran for Miss UNCF because "not all worthy young people are granted the opportunity to pursue higher education simply because they lack [the] proper funds to do so." Nkeiruka wants to instill the belief that "education is truly the key to success" in the minds of her future students.

The United Negro College Fund is a major contributor to education, which Nkeiruka believes is the foundation of the African-American community.





Miss UNCF 2007 is Rayna Jacqueline Rahming. Rayna is a senior marketing and Spanish double major from Orlando, Florida. Rayna looks forward to pursuing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in international management.

Rayna's thoughts on the UNCF:

"I feel that aiding the growth and development of the United Negro College Fund is a way of giving thanks to those who have provided support to the UNCF in the past."

Rayna's thoughts on the Miss UNCF Pageant:

"Participating in this year's Miss UNCF Oakwood College pageant [gave] me the opportunity to contribute to making someone else's college experience as priceless to them as mine has been to me."



Princess Diaries







Miss Oakwood Pageant 2007



Sonja Artis

Sonja Artis, a Brooklyn, New York native, is the eldest of two children born to Ms. Sudie Artis. A senior Biology major, Sonja plans to be a doctor because of her love for God and service to others. Sonja is involved in several organizations on campus, including: GAME, OBMA, NAPS, and the Ecology Club.

Sonja's original style made her presentation of "All Hail the Black Queen" and "Black Queen" entertaining and inspiring. Sonja's essay earned her mother the "Mother of the Year" award. Sonja's camera-ready smile earned her "Miss Photogenic."



Ayanda Chakawa

Ayanda Chakawa is originally from Zimbabwe, but presently resides in British Columbia. Ayanda means "an abundance of girls." A junior Psychology major, she plans to attend graduate school to complete a joint masters and doctoral degree in Developmental Psychology. Her ultimate goal is to become a Child Psychologist and be a positive influence to future generations.

Ayanda played an energetic piano medley of three pieces -"Lord We Lift Your Name on High," "Shine Jesus Shine," and "Great is the Lord."



Nicole Julius

Photos: S & S Photography

Nicole Julius is a true native of Huntsville, Alabama, where she currently lives. A senior double major, she will graduate with degrees in both Spanish and English/Professional Writing. Nicole's plans include law school where she plans to study International Law for Human Rights.

Nicole used all her talents - vocal, performing, linguistic - to wow the audience with her monologue "The Show Must Go On."

Natalie King, of Huntsville, Alabama, also embraces her West Indian roots. A senior Biology major, Natalie is looking forward to attending graduate school for a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice with a Forensic Science emphasis. Natalie is very active on campus - she's a GAME co-founder and a member of RISE-I-CARE and Alpha Chi Honor Society.

Natalie showcased the several dresses from her (future) design company Dolce. The dresses were made from unique materials, including a dress made of men's neck ties.



Natalie King

Lynae Turner hails from Sarasota, Florida. A sophomore double major, Lynae is working on degrees in both Marketing and Public Relations. Her future plans include masters and doctoral degrees in Business Administration.

Lynae performed a flute medley comprised of "Summertime," "My Funny Valentine," and "Someone to Watch Over Me." that was accompanied by a slide presentation of some of America's greatest black-female icons. Lynae's magnetic personality garnered her the "Miss Congeniality" award.



Lynae Turner

Lauren Wright was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Lauren means "crowned with laurels." A sophomore Vocal Performance and Pedagogy major, Lauren aspires to higher education and a career in Opera and on Broadway. She also wants to open the first SDA performing arts boarding school for inner-city students.

Lauren graced the audience with a French solo entitled Fleur de Sfeche.



Lauren Wright

Turner's Photo: Weech *The OC*









The night of the pageant was cold and rainy, but it was beautiful to me. Months of training came down to one night which passed in what felt like minutes. My name was called, the crowd was cheering, and the crown was beautiful; my roses were too. Still in a state of shock, I took my place on the throne. The glory of that night was undeniably amazing; however, that night to me was the beginning of something much greater. I had become a part of a great legacy of beautiful, graceful, intelligent, God fearing women of Oakwood College. That night I was given the privilege of being an example of what this fine institution nurtures and produces; and so I bear the crown with complete humility and respect. One of the greatest opportunities for any individual is to be a part of something greater than oneself. I am delighted to hold the title of Miss Oakwood 2007 and will always treasure it.

This goal would never have been accomplished if I succumbed to my initial feelings of fear and intimidation. Therefore, I encourage all of the men and women of Oakwood to never allow the fear of failure to deter you from any good thing. I also want to remind you to never allow the intimidation of the responsibilities of success stop you either. God's will for our lives is much greater than we could ever imagine; we must have faith and boldly follow Him and His master plan for our lives. I have come to realize through this pageant and other experiences that things will very rarely go exactly as planned; nevertheless, "The show must go on," and we must keep our heads held high as we push through toward greatness.

I would like to thank my parents Edmund and Averil Julius for their continued support and encouragement. I also thank the incredible team of coordinators who continue to make the pageant such a success. Your tireless effort is greatly appreciated. And to the beautiful and talented contestants: I will always cherish the sorority that we developed during the pageant; it is my hope that it will always continue.

will always continue.

Aktivood 2007

Nicole Julius



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THERN PRIDE

There are many wonderful regions in North America. There's the West, South, Midwest, etc. All of them nice places, but honestly, none really compare to the North. With amazing states and cities such as Maryland, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, New York, and Toronto, how can one argue? The North is more than just a section of a country or continent: it is a culture, a lifestyle all to its own. Now there is nothing wrong with southern hospitality or surfing in the Pacific, but until you have fully experienced the North you have yet to live. With places like the Nation's Capitol or the world's largest media market, the Northern culture is truly special. Sometimes you just

have to wonder.

It must be a crime to live into your twenties before you see real snow.

How can you really appreciate a spring day when that is all you see?

Must everyone say "Hi" to you on the streets down here?

Does it honestly make sense to live in a place where you have to calculate when your show really comes on because the country is rightfully run on Eastern Stand Time?

It is questions like these and many more that plague us Northerners. There are many different places to live in life, but none are like the North.

-Juwanza McIntosh

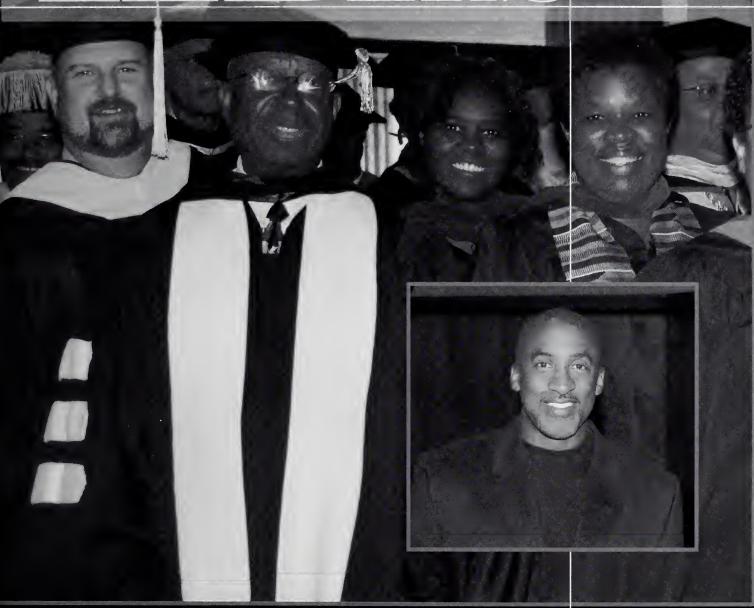






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A SPECIAL BREED

It takes a special breed of individuals to work at The OC. One must be:

Dedicated
Prayerful
Resourceful
Creative
Reliable
Personable

We are privileged that our
Campus Leaders
display all these characteristics and more.
They have that little something "extra."
It can't be defined, but it defines them.
That "extra" is what makes our
Campus Leaders so phenomenal.

Campus Leaders A Special Breed







Taylor

Cleveland

"Yes, it does take a special breed to work at Oakwood College. The three P's is the simplest way to describe what it takes:

Patience
Perseverance
Perspective of Christ"

- Karen Anderson

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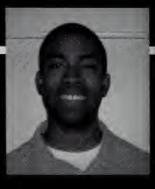
President's Message:

I am excited and honored to be able to serve as your United Student Movement (USM) President. The USM organization is here to assist you in maximizing your 'Oakwood Experience.' If you need academic support, spiritual mentoring, or access to various recreational and campus resources, the officers of USM will be more than willing to assist you with what ever you need. From the dorm to the cafeteria, to your classes and beyond, the USM Cabinet is uniquely equipped for serving you. The Executive Cabinet and Senate are comprised of students who understand the many ins and outs, ups and downs, of college, and want to help you succeed both while you are here and after you graduate.

Please keep myself, as well as the Cabinet, in your prayers, and let us allow God to do spectacular things for Oakwood College this year! Let us work together to restore the Power of God, the student's voice, and academic excellence to Oakwood College. Additionally, have fun and feel free to approach me with your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Kasha L. Robinson 2006-2007 U.S.M. President



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Seeking God, Serving Others

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President's Message

Greetings. We thank God, the faculty, staff, and our students for another dynamic year. It is amazing that each year that rolls around, God brings capable, qualified, gifted students to our campus. You truly are the reason why Oakwood College exists.

Oakwood is a very special place. As a result of the transition process and the magic of the Oakwood College experience, students are transformed into, and graduate as promising, Christian professionals. We are proud of you, our students. We are proud of each graduate.

Two things come to mind as I think about highlights this year and about what symbolizes the essence of Oakwood College. One is the Eternal Flame located in front of the Eva B. Dykes Library, erected by the Classes of 2002 and 2005. It symbolizes the legacy of Christian education that is empowered by the Holy Spirit at Oakwood College and passed from one generation of students to the next.

The second sits directly to the south in the midst of Centennial Plaza, the Monument to Service. This work of art is a 24-7-365 witness that powerfully illustrates the mission of Oakwood College to prepare leaders in service for God and humanity.

It is my desire that these two symbols will always remain with our students to live out the Oakwood College aim of Education, Excellence, Eternity.

Very sincerely,

Delbert W. Baker, Ph.D.

President



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Experiences

"If we could sell our experiences for what they were worth, we'd be millionaires."
-Abigail Van Buren

We all believe that the memories we form here at Oakwood College are priceless and couldn't be duplicated anywhere else; but, it would be biased to say that the students are the only persons who create lasting memories here on this campus. Professors, along with students, work in creating memories that all can hold onto for years. Do you think that you are the only one who enjoys thought-provoking classroom discussions or watching creative group projects? Think again!

Professors from various departments on campus were asked to share their most memorable experiences.



Matheka

Each teacher gave a similar initial response. First, they each looked at me and smiled; then, each took a deep breath and asked, "Just one, I have so many!" Professors actually enjoy teaching us. They hold on to experiences (like we do) and create lasting memories from them.

Mrs. Patricia Conwell, a professor in the Department of Communications & Art, says her most memorable experience was her 2003 Mass Communication in Society class. She says, "It was a class where students were enthusiastically involved in discussion and participation. They were very interested in the material and excited about the class. There was just never a dull moment!"

"Professors actually enjoy teaching us...."

Of a Lifetime

Dr. Trevor Fraser, a professor in the Department of Religion and Theology, says, "My best experiences have been when students were creative in designing their presentations given to the class. One student developed a puppet show to describe the discipline that they were dealing with. Another student recorded a video tape to describe a type of service. He went out to a bridge where local homeless people hung out and video taped his time spent with them. He fed them and provided other forms of community service. He brought the video tape back and showed it to the class. He took a critical form of service and made it real."

Professor Michael Sales from the Department of Business & Information

Systems, says, "My most memorable experience was when some of my former students produced some radio ads for OC Daddy Soup. This showed great creativity and I was glad that I influenced the kids to build on their creative juices."

Professors love this campus and love creating memories with the students. For all those students who take their professors for granted-know that they are here because they want to be here and they want to help you succeed. If you have not already started creating memories, why not embrace your OC experience and join our teachers in creating memories that will last a lifetime.

- Whitney Allen



Cleveland



Halsell

Go on over there
To that cemetery

And you'll find the graveyard built on the vision of
That white woman from Maine and sixty-five oak trees
The white woman from Main is a prophet (folk say),
and in that grave are the bones of the enslaved
The bones- ain't rattling no more—they all dead.

It is the stories of the enslaved bones The living folks got to remembering

Folks got to remembering

How they had pay only slight attention
to the enslaved bones

Got to remembering real good about

Dred Scott--He grabbed freedom
In a place where none was known

Yeah the folks got to remembering
Thought about the crab grass growing
Right on top them bones
Thought about the stories they left behind
All them stories just seeding dirt and grass.

The living folk decided they was going to do something

To pay respect--

To let the self within know the enslaved bones

To sew the lives of them bones in memory

They built a message board out of stone

Bought some chairs, prettied the place up with

black-eyed susans and holly scrubs

and had one of them old time pray meetings

They gathered; it started to rain

As the rain poured down to fertilize the enslaved bones,

They raised a song-

In memory of the enslaved bones

And (maybe) the white woman from Maine

They raised a song.

(A song)

A LYRIC OF OAKWOOD: FOR THE ENSLAVED

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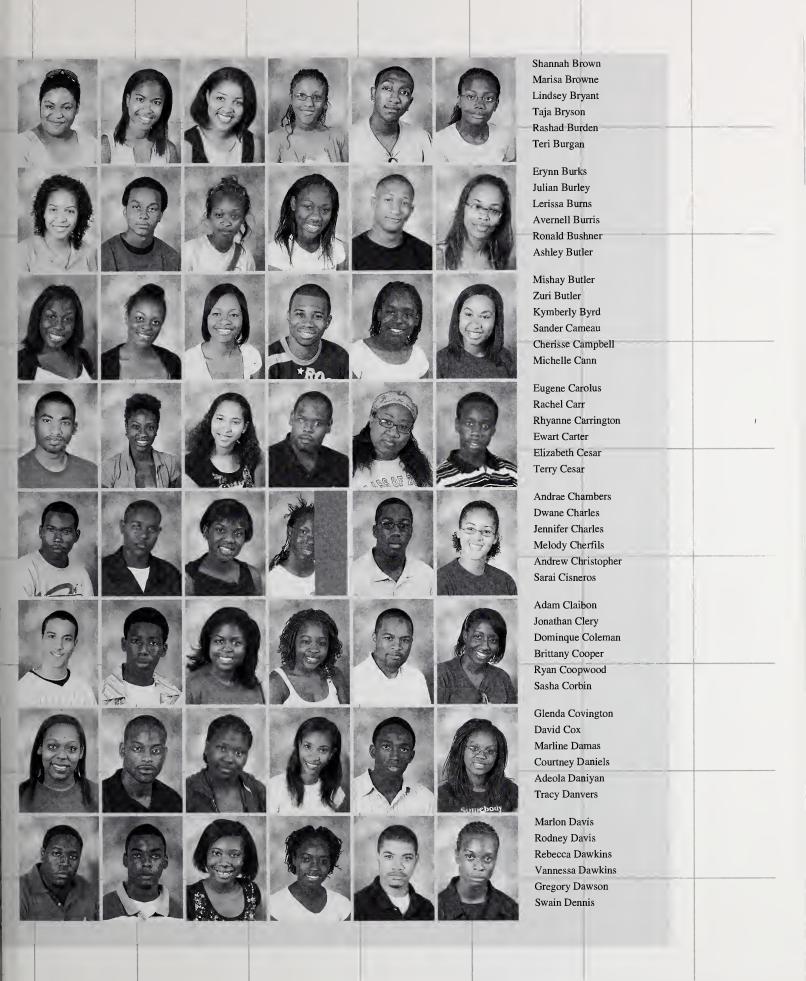
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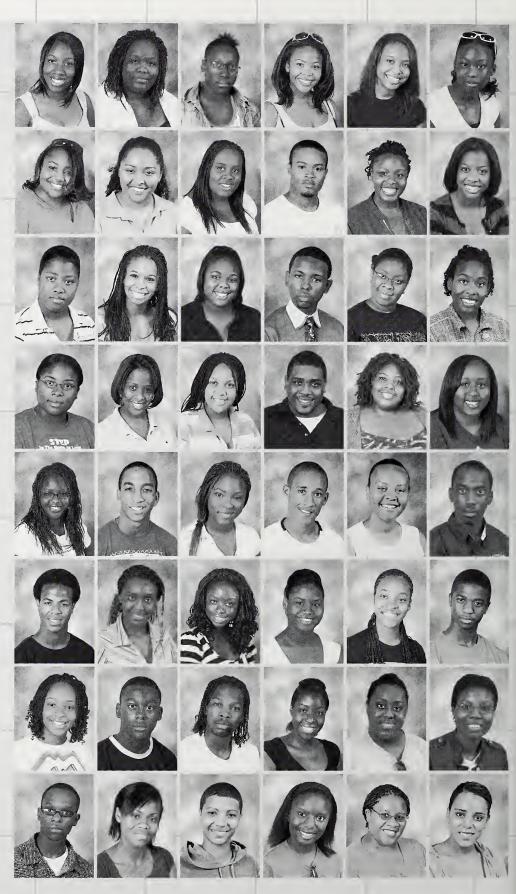
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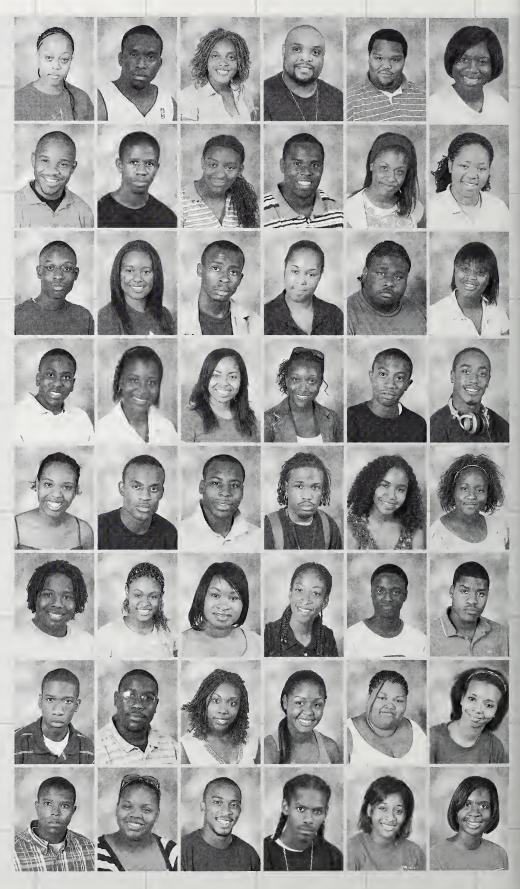
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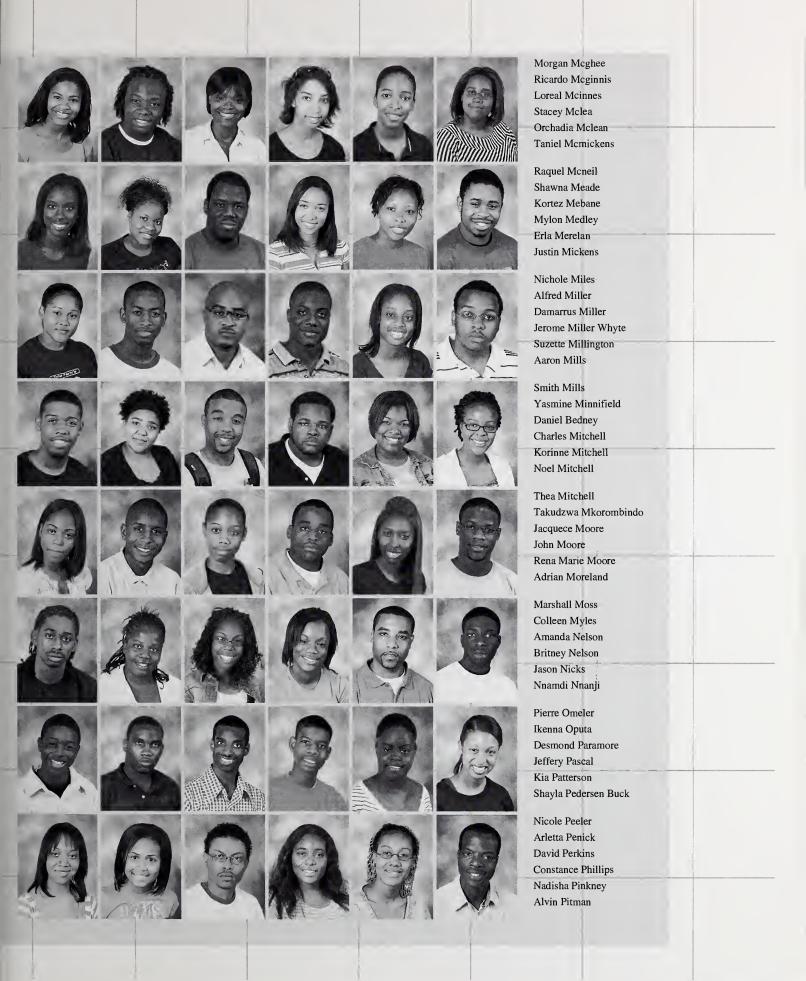
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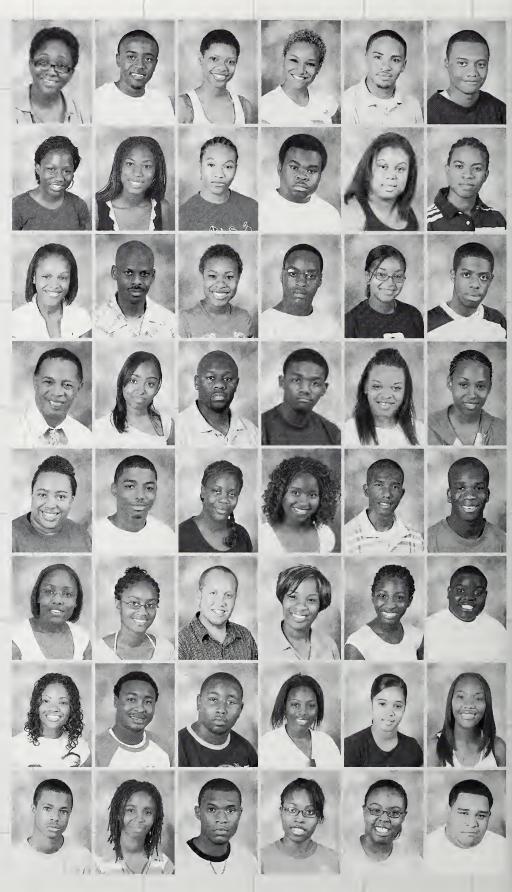
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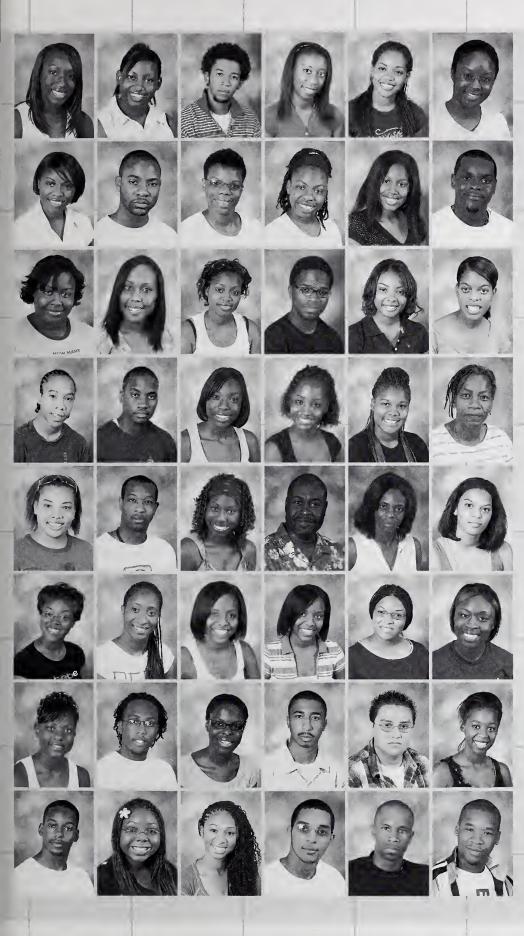
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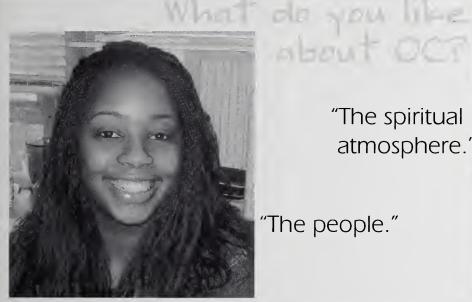
"The East vs. West Basketball Game."

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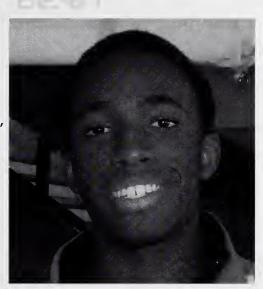
"Singing in the Freshman Concert."



Jasmine Gallon - Biology

"The spiritual atmosphere."

"The people."



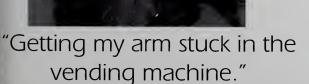
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What was your most embarrassing moment?



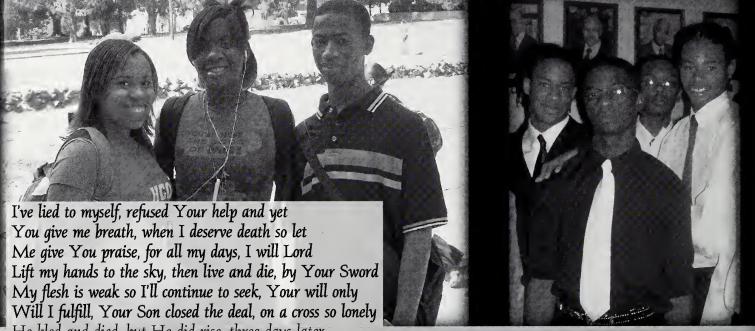
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"Falling out of the window in Carter Hall."



He bled and died, but He did rise, three days later From the tomb, Satan and his goons, could not hold the Savior Yes you planned it, but we take it for granted, forgive us please So if ever we fail, remind us of the nails, and of Calvary I know it hurts Your heart, when ever we start, to fall into sin And temptation, forget our relations, and that it's You who's gonna win When probation closes, and everyone supposes, they'll make it in There'll be lots of weeping, and eternal sleeping, for those who pretend And play church, you'll get your feelings hurt, when Christ to returns To get His reserves, you're supposed to depart to serve, but you depart to burn How much did it do, how much did it cost you, but you remain the same When it's your turn, to enter to learn, but you enter to complain About the smallest things, the way the doors swings, and everything else Who's gonna take the time, to hear you whine, if you don't help yourself Become the Christian, who watches what they listen, and what they say To everybody, the clothes the put on their body, and where they lay You know what I mean, I'm perfect by no means, and would refuse to Obey the rules, or not act a fool, but that's when I used to Lie to myself, refuse Your help but yet You gave me breath, when I deserved death so let Me give you praise, for all my days, I will Lord

Traven Bryant

Lift my hands to the sky, then live and die, by Your Sword





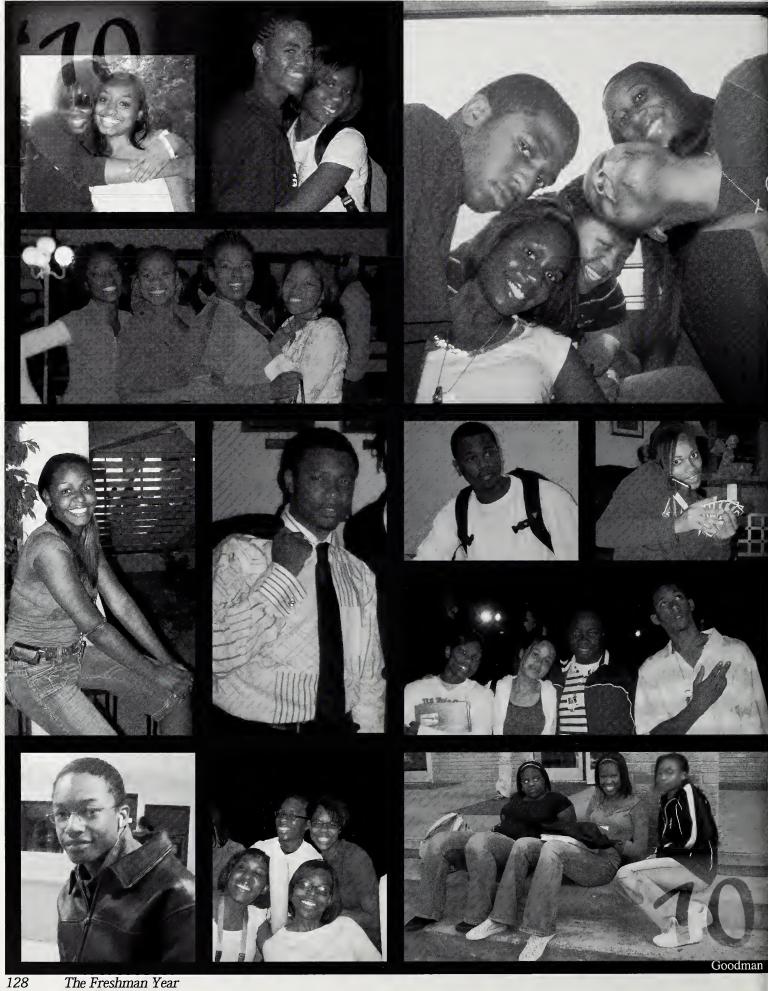
-Sidisse Gelata

not to see another day And yet it's a God given gift, a privilege We are all blessed at birth, we are all Gods children So why do some of us choose to surrender unto death why do we choose to exhale our last breath We also have the choice to be ignorant individuals

Everyday coming home to empty homes Or we can finally come together as a team to learn that when one man dies, we all bleed So much pain and confusion in the lives we lead When it takes death to realize this world's greed. The government only wanting more And more for them is life and destruction 4 us Babies dying before their born Predisposed choices is all we are left with Leaving us to guns and drugs as our last hit

So will you see truth or listen to the poison's voice

That's your last one to make Ur last choice



The Freshman Year

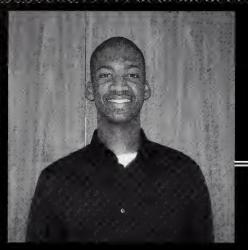
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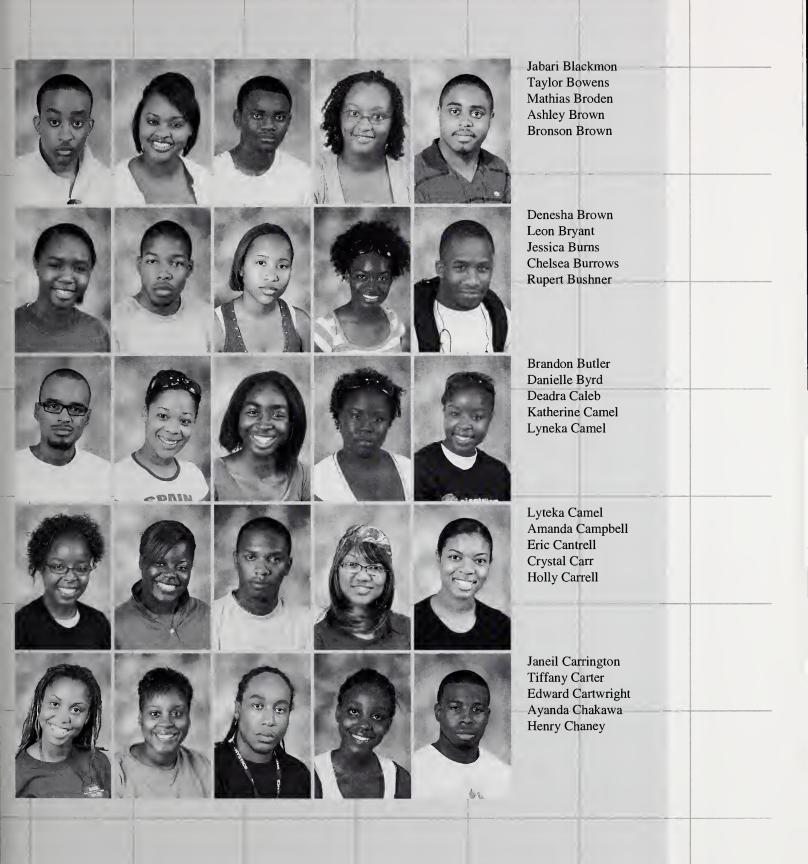
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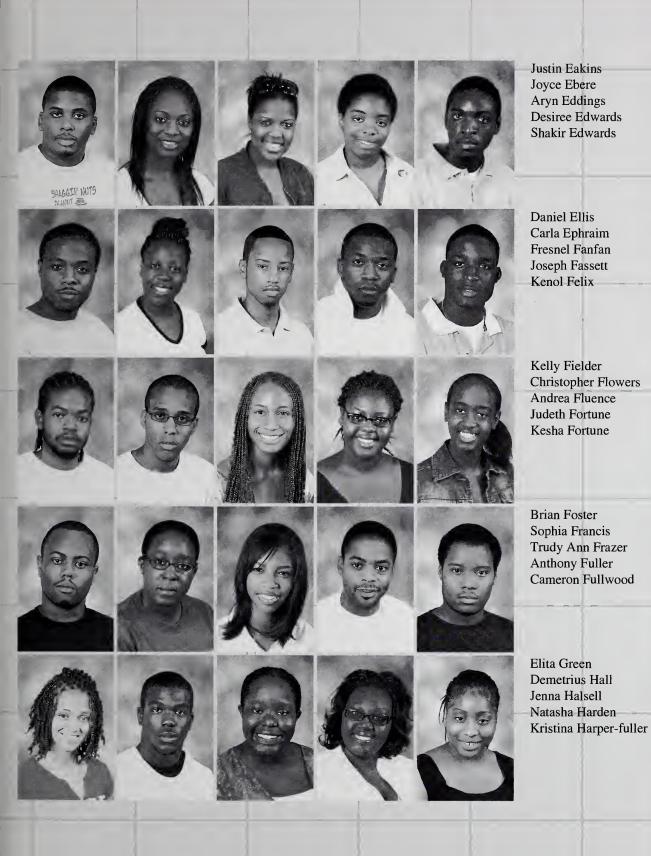
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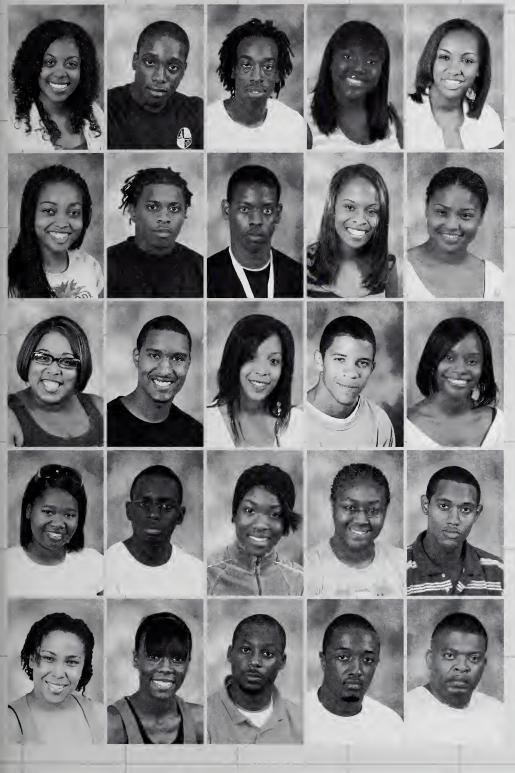
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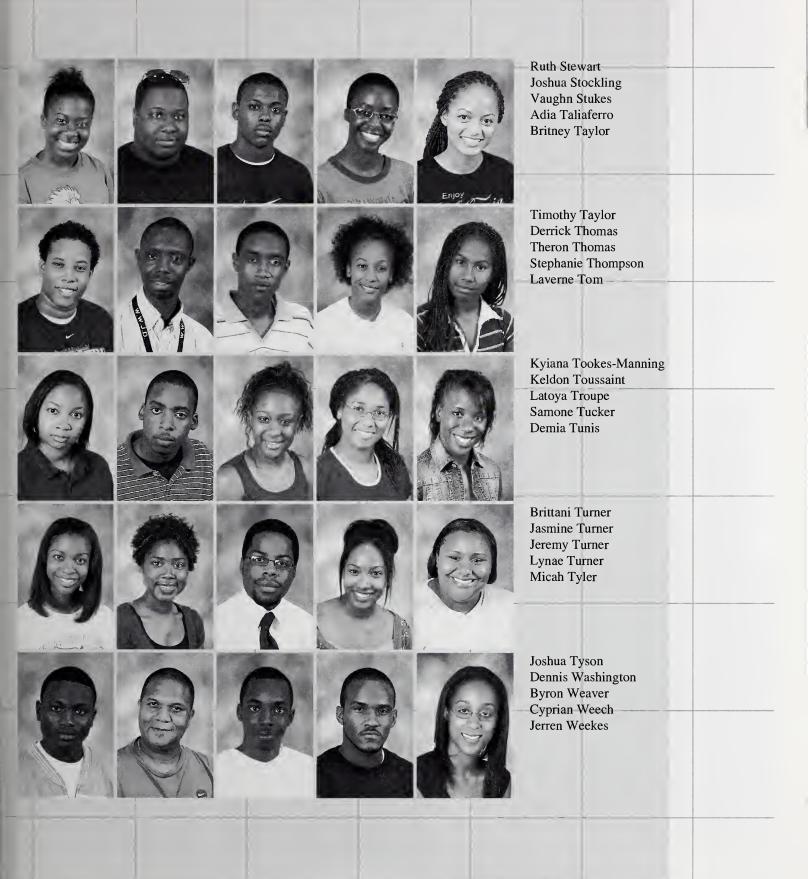
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Taylor Bowens Nursing

sson have you this year?

> "I've learned to do better in school."

"Don't procrastinate, and read before you go to class."



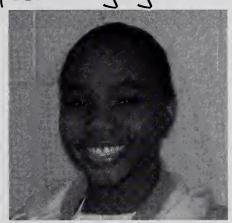
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Difference between Now and Freshmen year?



"Now, I'm more mature and I've learned how to prioritize."

"In Carter, you can't do anything; in Wade, there's more freedom."



Kenol Felix-Biology

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Kevin McKinson-Communications



"One day when I was trying to talk to this girl, a chunk of food fell out of my mouth!"

"I was on my way to Biology class and I tripped and rolled down the stairs."

Foolish is the girl who watches not what she does Who puts too much trust in intangible things Whose heart has seen the line too many times And knows all too well of the heart ache it brings

Foolish is the girl who knows not of what she wants

And knows only of her presently needed needs

Who chases the dreams of others in hopes, that

The outcome is that of fairy tales she still reads

This foolish girl acts before thinking through options

Finding herself in the most complex situations

Cries back to her Angel to fix all her problems

And then later returns to her same old rotation

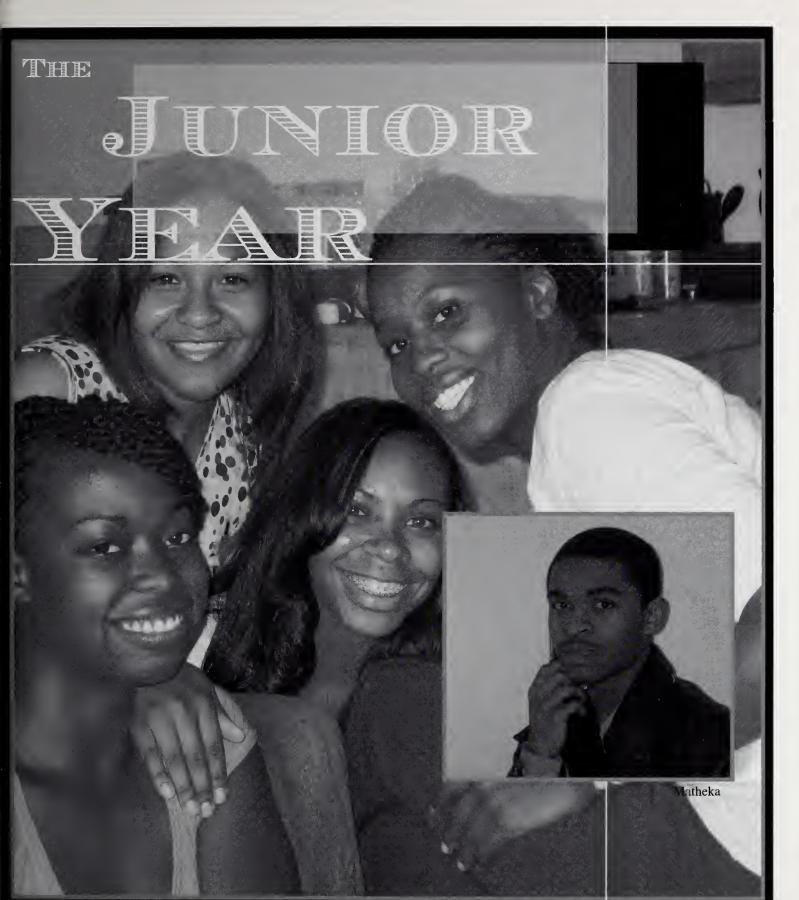
Krystal Johnson

Even more, this foolish girl is blind to her Savior

Relentless in demands that wear & tear, and break Him down

Oblivious to the countless sacrifices He's made for her

And is destined to be remorseful when He's no longer around



Carter

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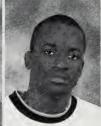
















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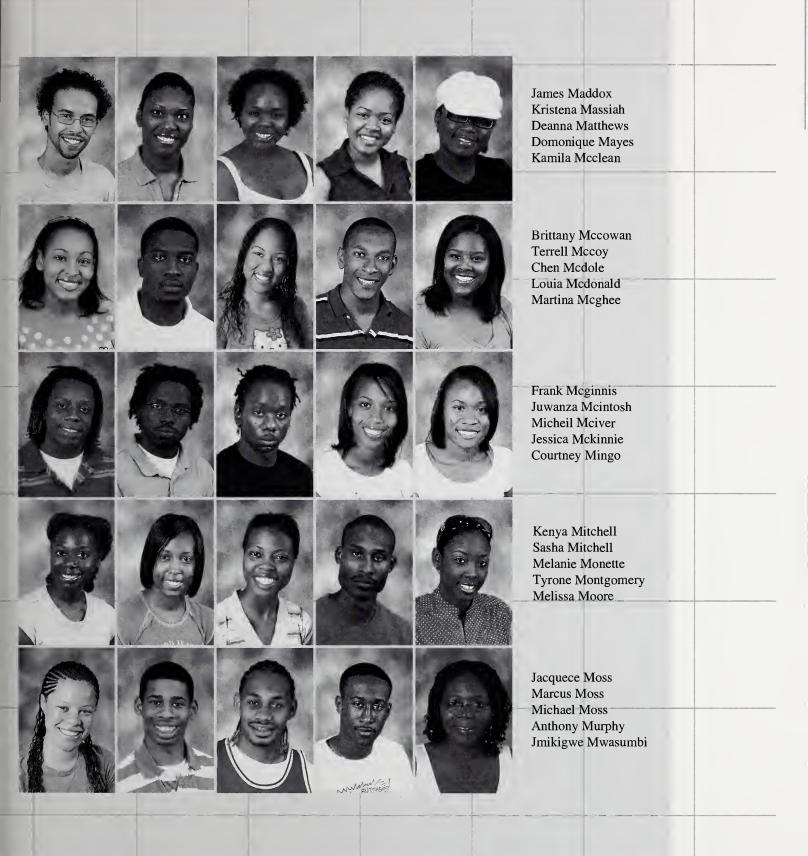
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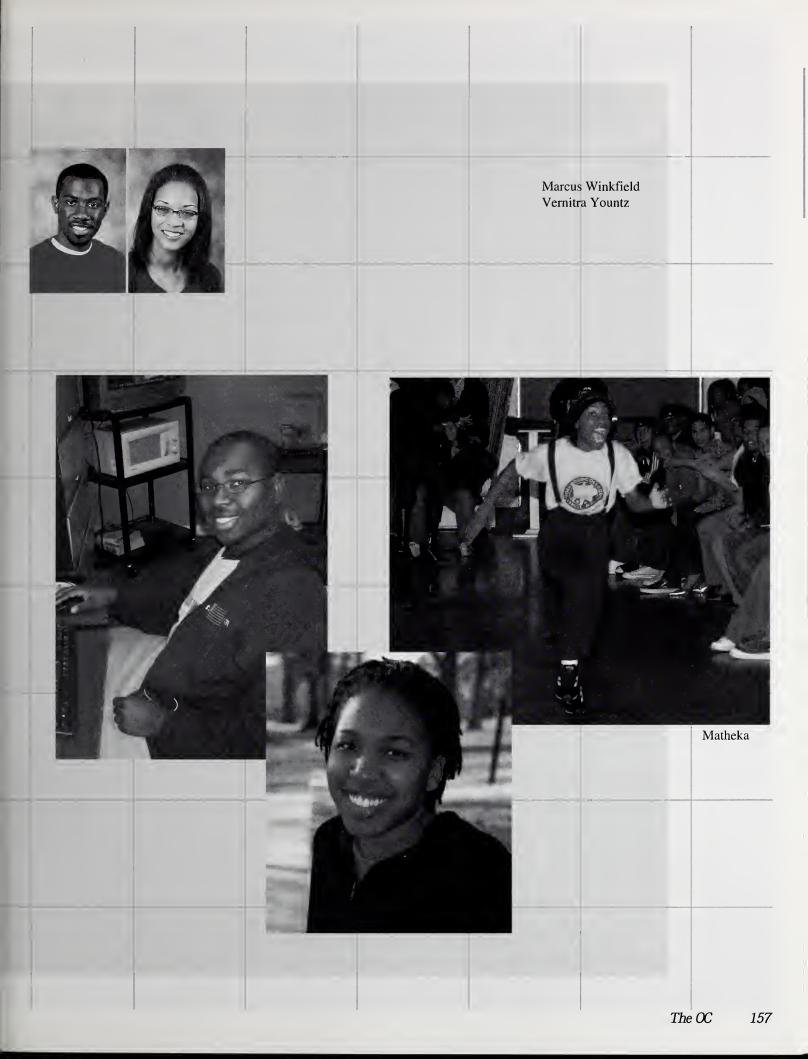
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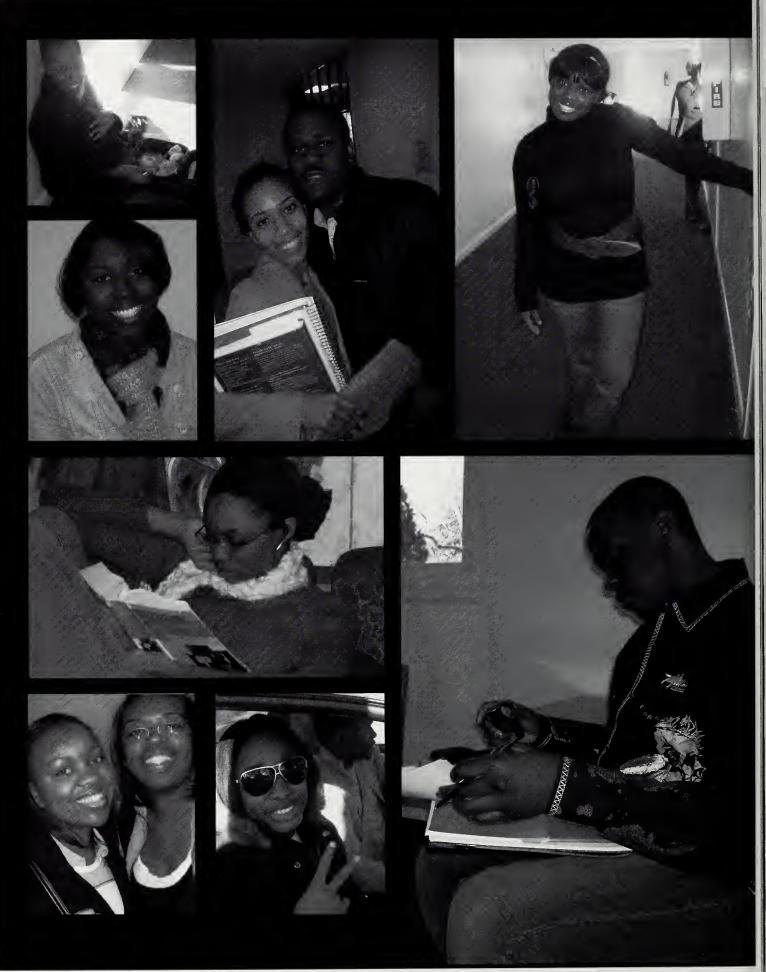
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What Advice Do You Have For New Students?



"Find your major now and get into it as early as you can. Then get internships, gain experience, and get out."

Mikerl Sartin Communications Major Cleveland, Ohio

"Take full advantage of your freshman year. Have fun and all, but remember that your main focus is school."

> Nelly Otiano Nursing Major Richmond, California





What Is Your Ultimate Goal In Life?

"I like helping people, so I want to manage and run my own hospital ward."

> Dashawn Menefee Nursing Major Oakland, California

To My nappy-Headed Daughter

Your hair is thick
Just like the air when racism is present,
choking away life. Filling the lungs with
second hand injustice, first hand pain.
Your hair is thick my child
Just like your grandmother's cornmeal
porridge
Health to your bones
Strength to your soul

Your hair is long my child Just as long as the road is to true freedom, winding, narrow. The road less traveled. Your hair is long my child Right now it looks like a matted mass of blackness But oh, when you add some heat. When you add some fire When you add a little resistance and struggle It becomes straight and long, Flowing down pass your shoulders Don't be afraid of the water my child Although when it hits your freshly pressed hair It will eventually coil back up to its original

state

Your hair is still long

Just like our African ancestors who struggled
Pickin dat cotton
Plantin dat corn
Sowing those tears
Your hair is strong
We struggle after we wash your hair
Because it's hard to comb
Yes you've shed tears
Because it hurts
It does
Just know that life will be full of pain just

Your hair is strong my child

like that
Pain that you were born with on your head

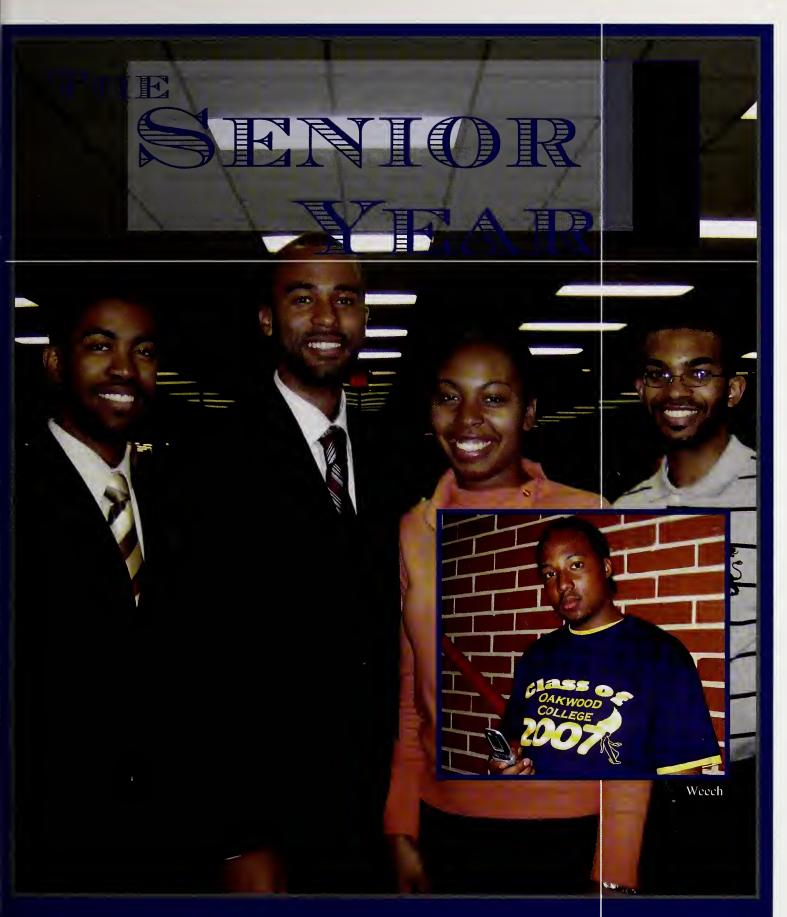
Pain that you were born with on your head Pain that you can't just shave off It'll just grow back

> Your hair is thick, Your hair is long, Your hair is strong Your hair is beautiful

> > And so are you. -Sincerely yo ma

Meintosh

Christine Jobson



UNFAMILIAR GROUND Senior year is full of unfamiliar feelings and experiences - feeling like the oldest student at events, feeling frustrated going to class when senioritis sets in, feeling nervous about grad-school and job interviews.

But, even though there may be many unfamiliar feelings and experiences, you still enjoy The Senior Year because it means that in May, you will be

Done! Finished! A College Graduate!

Yes, you will miss The O.C. and may even attend that first alumni weekend (even though you promised you wouldn't), but you'll be happy moving on to the next phase of your life and be very satisfied that you've completed

The Senior Year.

The Senior Year **UNFAMILIAR GROUND**



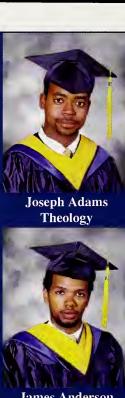


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"The interesting thing about life is that it is always changing from moment to moment. You can always expect new experiences and challenges that will shape and develop your character. Over the past few years, the senior class has made a diligent effort to rise above several challenges such as adjusting to a new environment, making new friends, learning new skills, and even beginning jobs. All of these challenges have made the Class of 2007 a focused and enlightened group of individuals. These students have arrived at a milestone and now it is time to step out into "the real world." This unfamiliar ground is filled with a plethora of new opportunities and situations that create awareness of the society we live in . Many will embark upon the next steps after college which may be: graduate school, career, and family. Seniors now have to contemplate and make decisions that will give them a new outlook on life and define their future."





Tejumade Adesina

Biochemistry





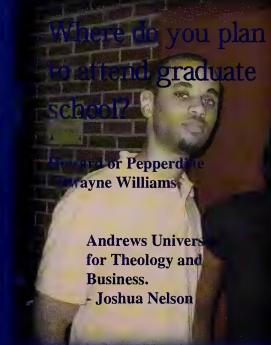
Leshawn Anderson

Elementary Education

Alixia Alexis



Psychology **Dietetics**



James Anderson Mathematics Management



Biology





Adrianne Artis Biology



Sonja Artis

Biology

Reginald Anderson Exum



Jason Ashford

CIS







Stacy Lee Ashmeade Social Work

Hulrick Baptist Social Work

Kelly Baptist English Prof. Writing









Melanie Beale

Laurhan Beato Health Care Science

Darlene Belgrave Org. Management

Ketreena Benson Health Care Science

Kevin Bernard Biomedical Sciences

The Senior Year













Nicole Carter Marketing

Accounting

Djuvayne Christian Management





Camille Clarke Biology

Nigel Clarke **Health Care Science**

Donell Collins Biomedical Sciences

Robins Compere French











Michelle Conwell **Elementary Education**

Donna Lee Daley Biology

Fredine Daley Management

Akilah Davis English & Lang. Education

Erika Davis Marketing











Tanya Defoe **Elementary Education**

Keisha Dorsey Biology

Inyene Ekah Theology

Grace Engram Psychology

Kareem Engram Psychology











Earl Esdaile Accounting

Julius Everett Accounting

Raquel Everett Finance

Lerrien Faunon Psychology

Keline Felix International Studies

The Senior Year







Antja Voy Hartley **Biology**



Laurie Hastings Family & Consumer Sci.



Rose Hatten Biology



Lisa Haygood Organizational Mang.



Mishra Henry Political Science



Tiffany Henry Political Science









Richard Hodnett Electronic Media



Gerard Holder Biology



Marcellus Howard Fitness & Wellness



Kirsten Jackson Psychology



Ashley Holland



Norris Hollie Mathematics Education Ministerial Theology



Langston Howard

Vancia Jackson Accounting



Jessica Jacobs



Akeisha James **Elementary Education Elementary Education**

Marcia Jackson **Elementary Education**

Rebekah Jackson **Public Relations**





Ryan King

Health Care Science



Michael Knight

Biomedical Sciences















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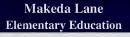
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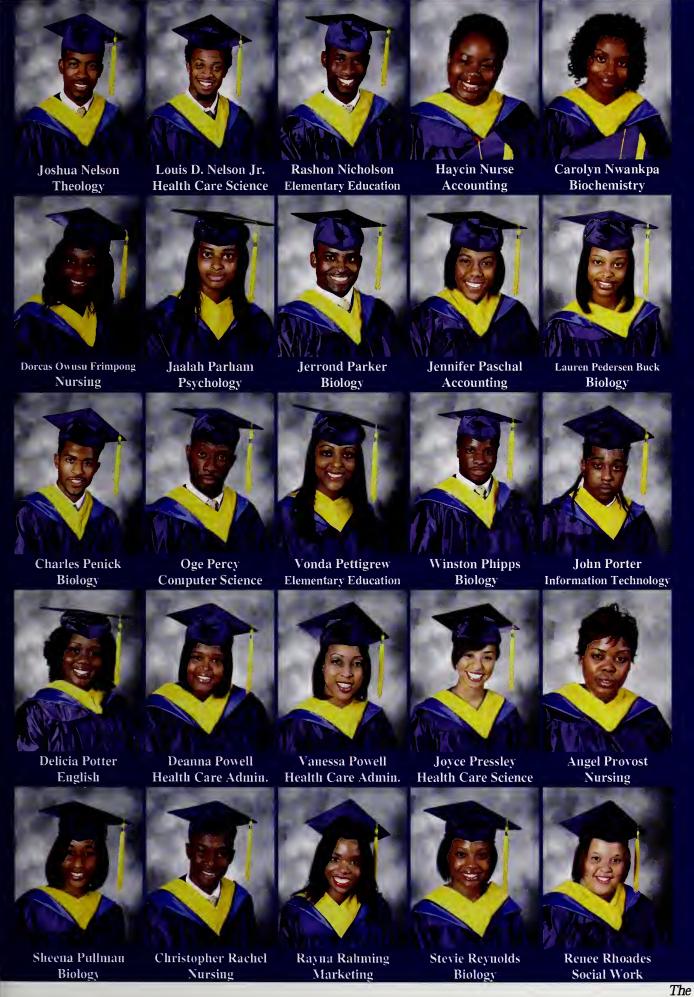
Admin Syst. Mang.

Theology

Courtney Myrick Human Dev. & Fam. Stud.

Nursing

Elementary Education





Indra Richardson Accounting



Mary Rickman Psychology



Cerise Robinson **Biology**



Cynthia Robinson Human Dev. & Fam. Stud. English & Lang. Education



Kasha Robinson



Marquis Robinson Admin. System Mang. Organizational Mang.



Rajaee Robinson



Reginald Robinson **Ministerial Theology**





Brandon Rose Accounting



Fedoria Rugless **Biomedical Sciences**



Derrick Sabater Public Relations



Alfredneitta Sanders **Elementary Education**



Dominique Sanders Biology



Walace Saint Louis Theology



Anikah Salim **Biology**



Fernand Samson

Alana Scott **Biology**



George Seay **Psychology**



Roscoe Shields Theology



Jenny Sandy Nursing



Hermique Scarlett Nursing





Rayner Walker Info. Technology



Cheri Watkins Biochemistry



Julian Watkins Biology



Karen Watson Psychology



Jeremiah Weekes Biochemistry



Joel Weingarten Organizational Mang.



Carrie Williams **Health Care Science**



Dwayne Williams Marketing



Jared Williams Biochemistry



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Management



Nursing



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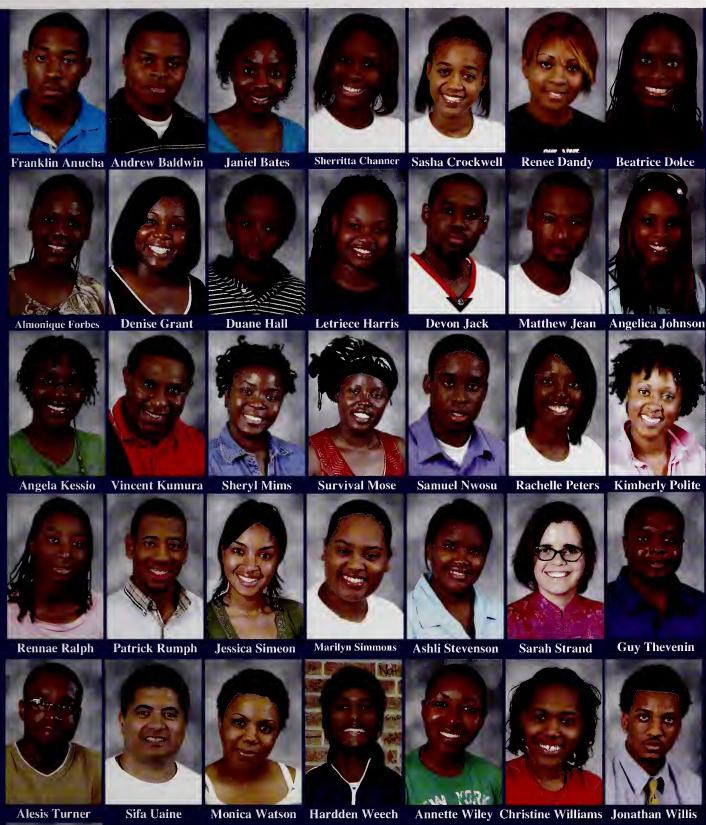


Toni Ann Wright **Biomedical Sciences**











Dante Wright

Senior Year

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Omar Williams
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Kevin Wingo

SENIOR PRESENTATION

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Derrick Sabater President



Gerard Limerick
Vice President





Kelan Fielder Chaplain

President's Message

The Oakwood College T Senior Class of 2007 has embraced a theme that represents our lifetime the commitment to God and mankind.

The Experiences to Know

Class of 2009 and 2010, as you are just beginning your "Oakwood experience," cherish every moment of it. Strive to do your best at whatever tasks are set before you, and watch how God will bless your efforts.

The Passion to Care

Class of 2008, after so many years, there comes a point where you feel you have to move on. As you become future seniors, take the responsibility of caving for the well being of everyone, especially our dear institution and fellow Oakwoodites.

The Willingness to Serve

So, after you finally received that degree that you've slaved over for four/five years, Class of 2007 you ask yourself, what's next? As you close another chapter of your life remember to commit yourself to Christ and service.

Class of 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, reflect on "The Experience to Know, The Passion to Care, The Willingness to Serve." It is our privilege to share the love of Jesus Christ. Be encouraged, be blessed.

Derrick Sabater Class of 2007 Senior Class President



Dorcus Owusu- Frimpong Parliamentarian



Delicia Porter Assistant Secretary



Fedoria Rugless
Treasurer



Candace Nurse Assistant Treasurer



Natalie Heath-Singletary Sergeant-At- Arms



Duana Francis Social Coordinator



Jailyn Stone Assistant Social Coordinator



Kathryn McNorton
Special Events Coordinator



Nicole Carter Public Relations Coordinator



Renee Rhoades Assistant Public Relations

Most Congenial Derrick Sabater & Nicole Carter





Most Likely to Succeed Gerard Limerick & Morgan Medlock





CLASS OF 2007 SUPERLATIVES

Most Talented Fernand Samson & Joyce Pressley





Outstanding Leadership Joshua Nelson & Kasha Robinson





Best-All-AroundMark Howard &
Jailyn Stone





Religious Leader Reginald Exum & Morgan Medlock







Best Couple
Jaysson Brooks & Brittany Law

Best Smile
Anthony Paschal &
Alina Mitchell





Outstanding Service
Charles Pinnock &
Katherine McNorton

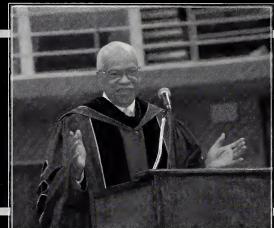




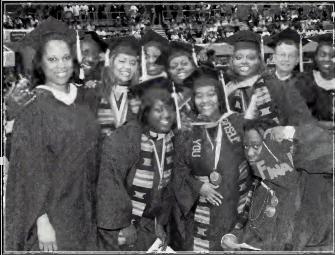
GRADUATION 2006

The Final Clearance Line

Gabbrielle Barnes
Class of 2006













Mortar board and hood on straight? Check. Graduation clearance card pinned to kente cloth? Check. Silly string and whistle safely hidden under gown? Check. Your medallions clang against your beating heart. The crowd's frenzy thunders through the arena, shaking the cold concrete around you. Anticipation builds in the line downstairs. Someone yells out your major, you yell it too! We've been separated by degree instead of department to keep us quiet, but we're still making noise! "We're headed in, folks!" a faculty member shouts at the front ... You see the light at the end of the tunnel... you go for it!

Entering the stadium, you look into the stands; your name is finger-painted on a poster board: Congratulations













Graduate! You hear that one loud relative yelling, "That's my fam'ly right there!" You wish the line would go straight for the stage to pick up your diploma—ahem, cover—and go take pictures, but we have to wait... How did we get the mayor of Atlanta? Did Jerrick just say "Bite ankles for Jesus?!" Who cares? You waited 128 hours of class (however many years that took you), but the ceremony's hours seem to last an eternity... Finally you stand to approach the stage; this is your last clearance line. It's your turn. Your name is called; someone finally pronounced it right! An air horn sounds and... You're done!

Congratulations. Now depart to serve.

SENIOR RETREAT 2007

Our Last Times Together

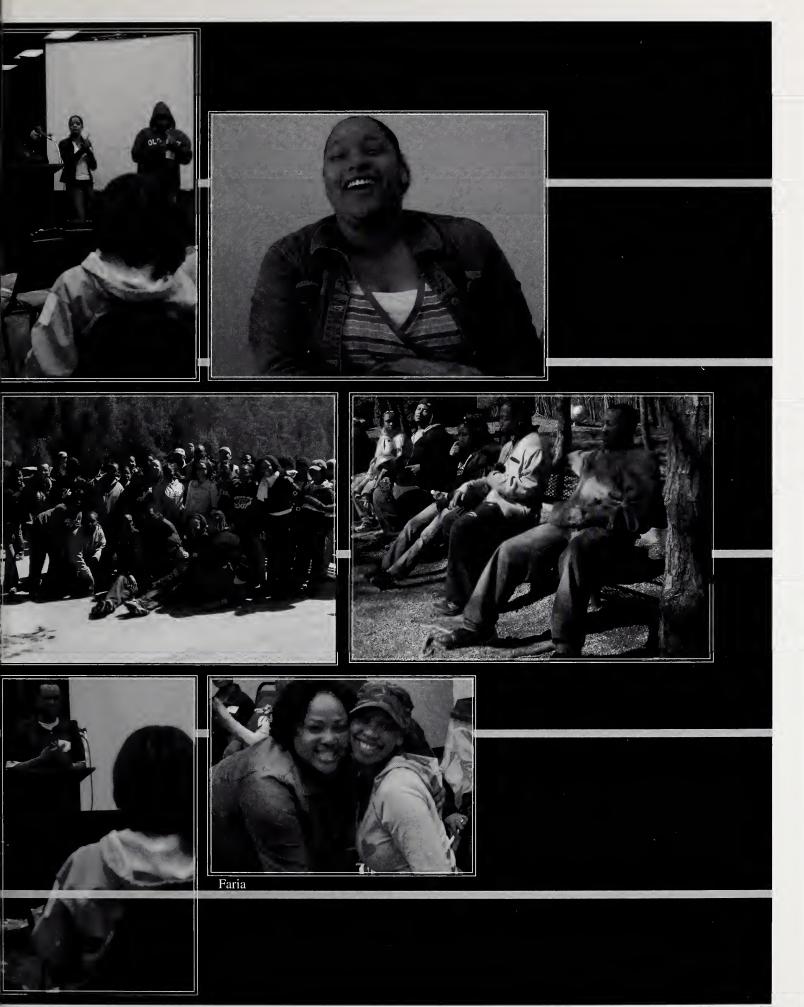












Seeking God, Serving Others

And Congratulating Graduating 2006-2007 USM Cabinet Members!

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Executive Vice President Joshua Nelson

Religious Vice President H. Micah Weech

Financial Vice President Julius Everett

Athletic Vice President Sarah Sims

Academic Vice President Marcia Jackson

Social Vice President D'Andria Anderson

Parliamentarian Kathryn McNorton

Acorn Editor Joy Anderson

Spreading Oak Editor Michael Vance

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D'Andria



Dwayne



Jailyn



Joshua



Julius



Kasha



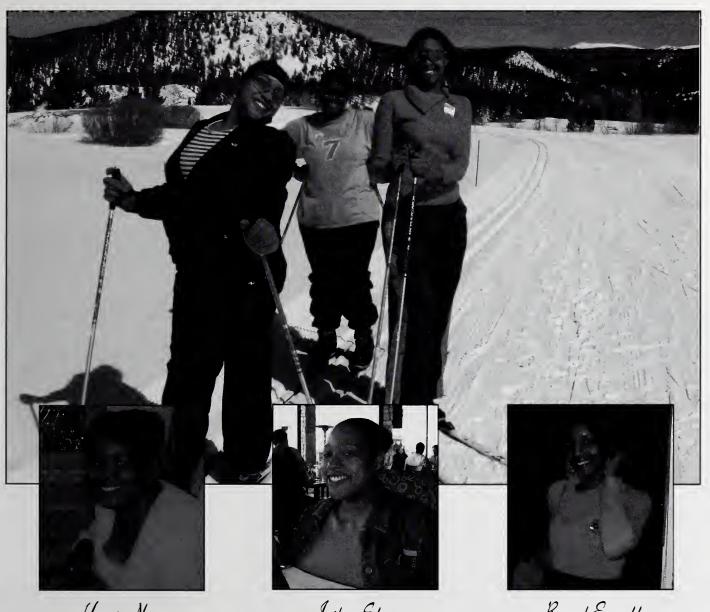
Kathryn



Marcia

Congratulations to Raquel and Jailyn Jam very proud of you both!!

We made it to the end and it was only by the Grace of God.



Haycin Nurse

Jailyn Stone

Raquel Everett

And to My Wonderful Parents - Thank You for Your Love and Encouragement

- Haycin Candace Nurse Class of 2007

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Congratulations Seniors!!! From the 2007 ACOIN Staff



It's been a crazy year and we couldn't have done it without the three of you!!!



Garrielle Barnes Writer



Nicole Carter Photographer



Alina Mitchell Senior Section Elitor

Typically Graduating seniors post pictures of themselves; however, I have chosen to make a tribute to my mother and father in efforts to express not only my appreciation for them, but to show them the impact that they've had on the person that I've become.

Firstly and most importantly however, I must honor my Father in Heaven, Who has been my rock, my confidence, my strength, my happiness and my bosom friend. I praise God for opening many doors leading to my success, as well as the closure of those that may have hindered his will for my life.

Words cannot describe or justify what my parents Dexter and Ann Marie Weekes have done for me. The bible says to honor one's parents and although that may sometimes be a pervasive challenge, there is never a day in which I do not feel the desire to serve them, in addition to feeling honored to be their daughter; I take pleasure in pleasing them. God has blessed me with God-fearing parents who are also my best friends. They have always stood by my side no matter the test. They have always been encouraging and uplifting to me during times of need and when I felt as though I could not go on. My parents truly exemplify: love, kindness, selflessness, determination and perseverance.

My mother has always taught me never to settle for less than I deserve. She has also told me countless times, "Where there is a will, there is a way." Such simple words ... but the way she lives her life is a testament to her virtuosity, and the bible says, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" The former has led me

to challenge myself as a woman, a Christian, and a student.

Numerous times, my father has made the comparison between pigeons and eagles; Pigeons flock together on the ground and remain in groups while the eagle soars high and independently above external factors. One must learn to follow prior to being able to lead. Similar to the eagle, one should not be fearful of standing alone or spreading their wings in order that they might fly high above all obstacles, adversities, resistances and negatives. One must learn to identify and carry out God's purposes with integrity, confidence and humility.

Dearest Mommy and Daddy, together, you are the wind beneath my Wings. I love you and Thank you.

-Dana Marie Weekes Class of 2007

Dexter and Ann Marie Weekes

Congratulations Miss Makeda Nylette Lane

Graduating Class of 2007
Oakwood College









Sydney Freeman, Jr.



To My #1 Son: We are so proud of you. Always remember to:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And he will direct your paths."

Proverbs 3:5 - 6

Continue in your persistence and let God lead you.

-Love Mommy Beautiful, Marcus, and Cassie

Congratulations!

Congratulations



You have reached a great milestone in your life.

Continued success in your endeavors.

Love your family & Ebony too!



April Britton



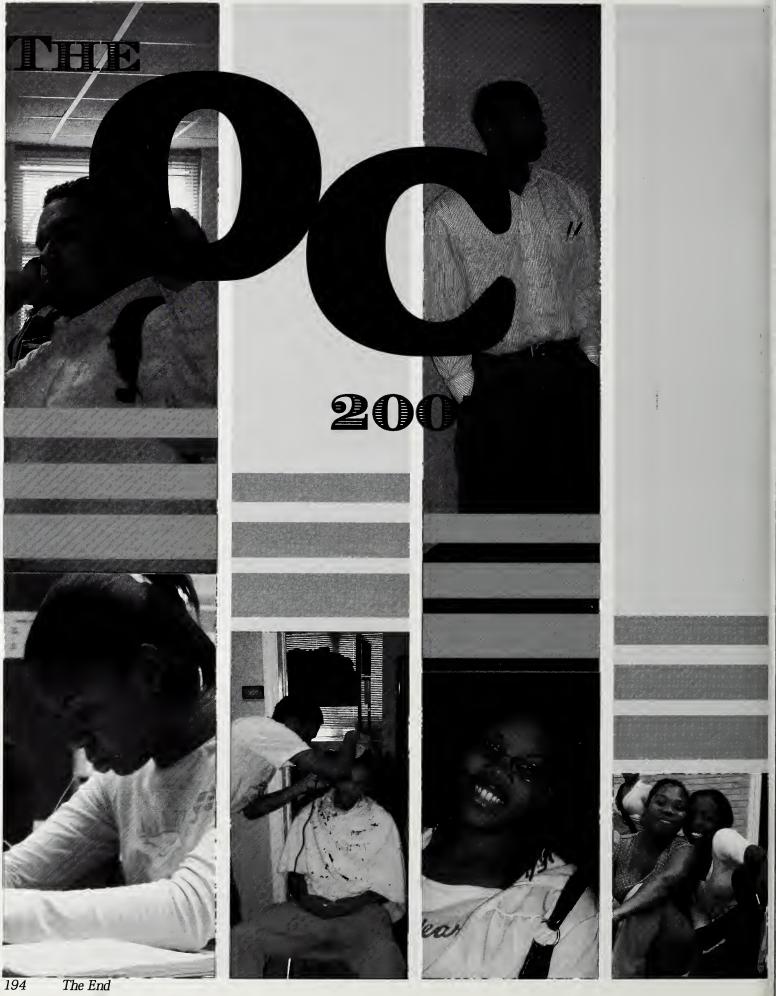




In Loving Memory of My Late Grandmother Mildred Britton (1915 - 2005)



TIS BEEN A LONG YEAR...









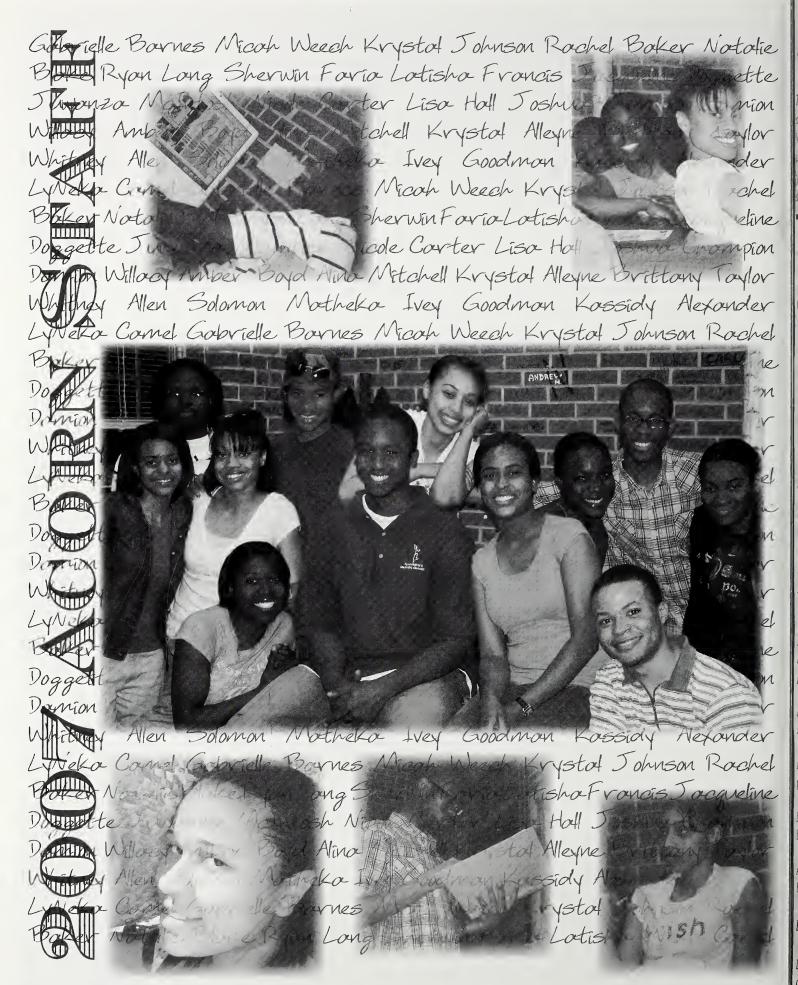
Life at The OC is a different experience-unique to us and nobody else. Many people speak of it, assuming they know what it's like because they heard it from someone else - but they don't. Whether it is one semester or four years plus, once you are here you are part of the legacy.



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Notes from the Editor

To all my friends, classmates, schoolmates, and people I've never met - thank you for making this yearbook possible! Without you, there would be nothing and nobody to write about-take pictures of. I hope that you enjoy your yearbook and that you enjoyed your year (be it first, second, third, fourth, or more) at The OC!



I'd just like to take a minute to THANK GOD! and these people...

Laura Rankhorn and Thorun Zitner-Crawford - It's been a pleasure to work with Walsworth again. Both of you have been helpful and cheerful. Mrs. Rankhorn, it was nice to meet and work with you and Mrs. Crawford it was another great year. Thanks-a-million!

Dr. Ramona Hyman and Marjorie Robinson - For proofreading, for making sure we got our printer, and for all the suggestions and encouragement. The Acom is lucky to have dedicated faculty and Student Activities sponsors, and I'm grateful for the privelage to work with you both.

Juwanza McIntosh (Assistant Editor) - You know how much work all this is, but you decided to do it again anyway, and for that I'm eternally grateful. If we spent half the time we did in Ford Hall studying, I'm sure we'd both have a 4.5 GPA, but I think (hope) we did alright with classes anyway. I'm glad I've been able to get to know you these past two years - we've definetly had plenty of time. Well this is it for us - as far as partners-in-crime goes, but I'm sure we'll have much more fun hanging out away from Ford next year. (Have fun in Swaziland!!)

Brittany Taylor (Photo Editor) - For the (3rd) year of great photos as well as coordinating the photographers. I hope you'll remember me when you are famous and your photos are all over the magazines!

Ryan Lang (Copy Editor) - For offering to proofread at the end of last year. No telling how many errors there would be if you hadn't looked over most of the pages. (Haha - if there are any mistakes it's safe to say you probably didn't get to see those pages.) Hey, but what can I say - it's always great to work with someone from **Oakwood Academy**. (Go Mustangs!)

Kassidy Alexander (Office Manager) - Kass! KD! Kassy! All your favorite nicknames. Thanks for everything friend and exsuitemate. My fingers are crossed for West Oaks next year.

Micah Weech - Wow. Thanks - for the photos, advice (whether unsolicited or not), the photos, the friendly arguments, and the photos. I award you Best-All-Around Yearbook Supporter. (When famous - remember where you were first published.)

Michael Vance - Thanks for shooting the breeze when we both needed a break from the office and for the last minute help. (Go Mustangs! Haha.)

All My Writers and Contributors - Everyone who wrote - Thank you for completing your assignments on time (or two seconds before we mailed the pages) and occasionally (o.k. it was a lot) accepting assignments last minute. You guys are lifesavers!

Photographers - You are invaluable! Great photos make a great yearbook. Once again - thanks for ALL your help.

Last but not least . . . Thanks to **my parents** and **Tamara** for encouragement and support and for listening to me moan and complain. And hey, you're right it wasn't **that** bad afterall. (Well, wait a minute - yes it was)

The 54th volume of *The Acorn*, the yearbook of Oakwood College, was edited by Joy Anderson. It was published by the Oakwood College United Student Movement and printed by Walsworth Publishing Company.

The press run of the 2007 *Acorn*, an 8.5 x 11 size book, was 1700 copies of 200 pages. This book's pages are printed on legend gloss 80#. This book's cover material is navy linen 120 pt board with hot foil in 819 matte gold (antique).

The 2007 Acorn was created on Mac computers using Adobe InDesign CS2. The typography used throughout book includes AWPCCampbell, AWPCCassidy, AWPCJames, AWPCTimes, and AWPCTomthumb.

The 2007 *Acorn*'s portraits were taken by Phillips Studio, Huntsville, AL. All other photographs were shot digitally on a Nikon Coolpix 5600 or contributed by student photographers' individual cameras.

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OAKWOOD ADVENTISTS
OF SEVENTH-LAY ADVENTISTS
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